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Open Clash in House Over Redistribution Is Narrowly Averted

Opponents of Government's Plan to Regroup Island Constituencies Threaten "Rough House" Tactics When Premier Attempts to Silence Criticism—Amalgamation Approved by Close Margin

ISLAND MEMBER CALLS THE MEASURE PUBLIC SCANDAL

STRONG protest against the proposed action of the government under its plan of redistribution to wipe out the present riding of Cowichan, attaching a portion to Esquimalt and throwing the balance into the constituency of Newcastle, was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. Kenneth Duncan, Independent Liberal member for Cowichan, when the redistribution bill was being considered in the committee stage.

Mr. Duncan declared that if the government's proposal were carried out Liberalism would be dead in that district for the next generation. Cowichan's member made one of the most forceful speeches he has ever made in the Legislature as he declared that rather than reduce rural representation it should be increased, and he held that while the government had succumbed to the protests from Victoria business men against the reduction of this city's representation from four to three and had agreed to allow the present status here to remain, the Victoria interests had no desire to see this concession paid for by Cowichan.

Mr. Duncan pointed to the fact that the Premier's original proposals had been to retain Cowichan while reducing Victoria. The select committee of the House, named to consider the bill and report, had gone back to the Premier's decision. He declared the move was nothing more or less than a public scandal and a gerrymander of the most bare-faced kind, designed to wipe out non-government members, for that was the only object he could see in the committee's recommendations.

The debate became of the "bear garden" type, when Major Burde, rallying to the support of the members for Cowichan and Newcastle, after accepting the Premier's veiled challenge to turn the discussion into a "rough house," declared he was ready, and then promptly moved that the committee rise, a step which, if taken, would have meant that the committee could not sit again.

The motion of Alberta's member was defeated, and shortly afterwards, the section amalgamating the two ridings was carried by the vote of 22 to 13. The committee rose at 5:30, after devoting almost the entire afternoon to the Cowichan-Newcastle matter. Consideration of the other sections of the bill will be continued.

Premier Is Teacher
When the House went into committee of the whole to deal with the bill, those sections concerning which there would be no dispute were quickly approved, some amusement being occasioned by the Premier's assuming the role of teacher, and, armed with a pointer, he outlined the proposed changes in Comox set forth on a large-sized map in front of Mr. Speaker's desk.

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Nations Agree On Status of Tangier

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The agreement between the powers as to the future status of Tangier, was signed today by the British, French and Spanish delegates. Prior to the ceremony the Spanish representative announced that he would act with the reservation that his signature be subject to the approval of his government. The plan maintains the open door at the port and provides for the protection of the interests of the foreign residents there through an international assembly in which the United States will be represented. The sovereignty of the Sultan of Morocco will be maintained, in which the Sultan himself, this official to have charge of the administration of the Mussulman and Israelite inhabitants.

Notorious Brigand Chief Passes Out

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail's Tangier correspondent sends the announcement of the death of the notorious Moorish chief, Raisuli. It is suspected, according to this dispatch that Raisuli was poisoned.

Mulali Ahmed Raisuli, brigand chief and former Governor of Tangier, has had a picturesque career and his death has been reported several times. Recently he announced his submission to Spain and gave his promise to keep the peace.

Mussolini Will Not Consult Country

ROME, Dec. 18.—Premier Mussolini dropped another bombshell in political circles today when, in a letter to Deputy Carnazza he stated, with reference to the holding of new elections, that he had not decided to consult the country. At the time of the closing of Parliament by Royal decree on December 10, it was freely predicted that he would later ask for a decree of dissolution as a prelude to a general election.

Three Deaths Occur In Houston Hotel Fire

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—The list of known dead stood at three tonight, with ten missing, and property damages estimated at \$400,000, as a result of the fire which destroyed the three-story Capitol Hotel this morning. Eight business houses were damaged.

Firemen were planning to spend the night drenching the smoldering debris, when it is feared concealed bodies of several more victims.

PLAN TO ADOPT BEER BILL TODAY

All But Two Sections of Proposed Legislation Is Endorsed by Committee by Midnight

"FOUNDATION VOTE" CAUSES CONTROVERSY

Right of the Province to Sell Liquor and Then Fine Men Who Get Drunk on It Is Questioned

BEER was the predominant note in the Legislature last night when the amendments to the Liquor Act were under discussion in the committee stage, following similar attention for the bill to provide for a plebiscite on the question of the sale of beer by the glass.

The liquor amendments created considerable discussion, and by midnight all but two sections had been approved, those referring to the issuing of permits for all liquor transported by water from one part of the Province to another, and that calling for the "foundation vote" of two-thirds of the Provincial vote on the proposed plebiscite. The bill was left in the committee stage and will be put through today.

Mr. Burde asked the necessity of taking from the municipalities the power to license clubs, and Hon. Mr. Manson stated it was not thought advisable that the authorities should issue licenses. The Board only would do so.

Mr. Thomas Pearson feared "teen-age youths might be enticed into the clubs. To take away the municipal power to license was a wrong principle, he said.

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FEDERALS MARCH ON VERA CRUZ

OBREGON CAPTURES SAN MARCOS ON WAY TO PORT

Fighting Continued for Sixteen Hours When Rebels Retreat—Much Booty Taken

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Federal troops have taken San Marcos, the important strategic point between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, and are advancing toward the seaport stronghold of the rebels.

Fighting for possession of San Marcos had been under way for more than sixteen hours before the rebels were forced to retreat.

The rebels captured an immense amount of ammunition, small arms, a number of cannon and several trains used by the rebel forces for transportation.

President Obregon himself is directing the Federal troops and is commanding the pursuit of the rebel forces in an effort to make the victory even more complete.

A message from General Francisco Serrano, secretary of war, expressed confidence that the rebellion would end shortly.

For Naval Battle

SAN PEDRO, Cnl. Dec. 18.—The Mexican steamer Coahuila, recently seized by rebel forces, is being used by a naval encounter at Acapulco, with the gunboat Progreso standing by, according to a radio message intercepted by the United States.

The shot is alleged to have been fired by his son, Emilio, aged 13. No arrests have been made.

BOWSER MOTION ON BEER BEATEN

Proposal to Hold Plebiscite at Time of General Election Is Defeated, 23 to 10—Mr. Manson, Declaring Parliament Need Not Be Dissolved Until 1926, Says Liquor and Politics Should Not Be Mixed—Ballot Is Amended

MR. W. J. Bowser's amendment presented when the bill to provide for a plebiscite on the question of the sale of beer by the glass was before the Legislature in the committee stage last night, to the effect that the plebiscite should be held on the same date of the next Provincial election, was defeated. Incidentally Attorney-General Manson declared he could see no reason why the Government should not stick out its full term until 1926.

Mr. Bowser argued that to adopt a common date would save money and there would be a much larger turnout of voters.

Attorney-General Manson—There need be no dissolution of this Parliament until 1926, that may surprise members but it is the case.

He stated the liquor question was one which had created a good deal of agitation and should be settled before 1926. It would be a mistake to mix up liquor and politics. He remembered at the last election, liquor interests were issuing questionnaires to candidates asking them where they stood. Members, he was sure, did not want to be exposed to the influence or abuse of either liquor

Wants to Know About Profits of Banks in B. C.

An important resolution regarding banking was placed on the order paper of the Legislature last night by Mr. Tom Uphill, member for Fernie. It asks three things: First, that the federal government indemnify Home Bank depositors; second, that the Provincial government give serious consideration to the establishment of a Provincial bank; and third, that the federal government be asked to direct an inquiry into the profits made by the banks in British Columbia.

The resolution is inspired by the heavy losses incurred by miners at Fernie, who had, in the aggregate, large amounts on deposit in the Home Bank when it closed its doors.

YEAR'S DELAY FOR EIGHT-HOUR BILL

NEW LAW SLATED TO OPERATE JANUARY 1, 1925

Will Affect All Industries, But Special Provision for Overtime Will Be Allowed

January 1, 1925, is the date upon which the government's Eight-Hour Day Bill is to be introduced in the Legislature today, will become effective. It was unofficially stated yesterday at the Legislative Buildings.

Apparently the government has been impressed by the strong representations made by business interests that if the administration is determined to bring in such a measure, the least that could be done would be to allow business time to adjust itself to the new conditions.

Opposition members claim to see in the delay the government's intention to stall the new principle over until after a general election. They point out that the Conservatives last year voted for Major Burde's eight-hour Bill and that that principle is now incorporated in the Conservative program.

The bill is designed to affect the bulk of the industries of British Columbia, and not alone the timber, logging and lumber interests. There will be provision for more than eight hours' labor under conditions where such may prove necessary in special cases in the operation of an industry, such as ship loading of lumber, and in the case of seasonal industries similar concessions will be permitted under certain safeguards.

The measure will seek to do the worker, but at the same time will provide for adequate protection for industry where such may be deemed necessary.

CHRISTMAS TREE PLANS COMPLETE

ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Candy, Toys, Clothing and Funnies for Poor Kiddles at Pantages Theatre Show

Plans for the Rotary Christmas tree are now complete. The big party will be given in the Pantages Theatre by courtesy of Manager Robert Jameson on the afternoon of Friday, December 28.

Each little guest will receive a toy and candy and will stay to see a comedy film show. It is hoped to have the invitation cards in the mail before Christmas day, so that the period of joyful anticipation may be as long as possible.

The tree and its attendant paraphernalia make a comparatively small demand on the available financial resources. The theatre costs nothing, the toys are inexpensive and the candy of the plain and wholesome variety. Nearly the whole of the subscriptions received are used for scraps on shoe and clothing stores.

Each child on the list is visited by a member of the committee, his or her exact needs ascertained and an individual scrap filled in and mailed; also, if possible, before Christmas.

Most of the children need shoes badly. Most of them need underclothes. Whether they can have them, or whether some shivering underclad mite will have to be content with the available financial resources, is how much is subscribed. The scraps will be filled in on Sunday.

The more received before then the better the odds through the coming cold months. Subscription lists are open at The Colonist and Times offices and at the Rotary Club office, 1008 Broad Street.

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Anonymous	1.00
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J. L. Cameron	5.00
E. Krebs	1.00
Mrs. E. Farnell	2.00
Mrs. L. McGregor	5.00
P. M. McGregor	25.00
J. Bartholomew & Sons	5.00
Total	\$1,954.75

BANDIT KILLED

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 18.—A bandit was shot and killed and his companion forced to flee late today after they had attempted to hold up Frank Dewey, paymaster of the Newark Dress Company. When the bandits closed in on him, Dewey, after throwing a bag containing \$1,200 into a hallway, drew a gun and began firing.

GRECIAN KING IS GIVEN LEAVE

Monarch and Consort Took Departure From Athens Last Night While Assembly Determines Future Course

PROBABLY BRINGS TO END DYNASTY'S REIGN

Success of Republicans in Recent Election Develops Situation That Surprises People With Its Suddenness

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Greek nation, which in recent years has suffered so many dynastic changes, is today once more without a king and under the regency of the aged Admiral Coundouriotis, who filled a similar office in 1920.

King George and Queen Elizabeth are leaving Greece for Roumania tonight on the steamer Daphne. They are being accompanied by the marshal of the court and the king's aide. The Daphne, a Greek steamer, is commanded by a captain of the Greek navy and will carry a guard of honor of a dozen sailors. The suddenness of this development from the victory of the Liberals and Republicans at the recent elections has astonished even the Greek people.

According to the Athens press, the king's absence will be regarded as "leave" pending the future decision of the National Assembly. But the general belief is that when the king and queen depart for Bucharest tomorrow another king will have disappeared from the rapidly diminishing number of European thrones.

The revolutionary cabinet, prompted by the decisive defeat of the royalists at the polls, served notice of its temporary dismissal on the youthful monarch, who had no alternative but to accede. The allied and neutral diplomats made representations on behalf of their governments against the expulsion of the king, but too late to save the situation.

Venezolos Invited to Return
Former Premier Venezolos, who is in Paris, has again been invited to return to Greece to undertake the government. His reply is not yet known, but it is believed he will not accept unless a united call comes from the whole people. According to latest advices the situation remains outwardly calm, but great anxiety for the future prevails, although the tone of the Royalist press is comparatively moderate.

The commander of the army at Salonika and the commanding officers of several of the various naval squadrons, telegrams to the government demanding the deposition of the king, have been received. The king, however, has decided that it would not be possible to accede to these demands which would constitute an unjustifiable act of violence and revolution on the mild course of asking for the king's temporary withdrawal.

The British cruiser, Calypso, arrived in Greek waters yesterday.

Premier Massey, of New Zealand, Leaves London for Canada

LONDON, Dec. 18.—To the strains of a pipe played by a pipe commission, especially for the occasion by the Australian Native's Association in London, and accompanied by the cheers of large numbers of friends, Premier W. E. Massey, of New Zealand, departed from Waterloo Station today for Southampton, where he will catch the Aquitania to sail for America. He expects to spend nearly a week in Canada in order to complete some negotiations between the Canadian Government and that of New Zealand in connection with trade matters, and hopes to reach home by the end of January.

Proclaim Martial Law In Honduras

TROGUIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 18.—Martial law has been declared throughout the republic with a view to forestalling a possible revolution.

Consult Labor Chief As to Britain's Part In Reparation Probe

Sir John Bradbury, of Allies' Commission, on Visit to England for Instructions as to Proposed Committee of Inquiry, Visits and Confers With Ramsay MacDonald Concerning Situation

TWO LIBERAL CHIEFTAINS RESTATE PARTY'S POSITION

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Liberal party today, through its leaders, H. H. Asquith and David Lloyd George, made its position clear with respect to the Conservative government, or whatever government takes up the reins of power after the reassembly of parliament. The Liberal party will form no alliances with other parties and will have nothing to do with any manoeuvre such as has been suggested by Lord Birkenhead for keeping Labor out by maintaining the Conservative government in power.

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"Some people," Mr. Asquith observed, "seem to imagine that a great parliamentary party like ours can be treated like a horde of mercenaries and moved from camp to camp backward and forward at the word of command. If we understood our business, it is we who really control the situation."

Mr. Asquith went on to declare that the days of the present government were numbered and that the Liberals would not move a finger to connive for a prolongation for the "disastrous stewardship."

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Mr. Asquith prefaced his declarations by some satirical remarks about the Conservatives having publicly branded him as a back number, an extinct volcano, an effort and a discredited dotard, remarking that if ever a Labor government was to be tried in this country it could have been tried under safer conditions—meaning that, being in a minority of the whole House, the Labor administration could not pass extreme measures—Mr. Asquith proceeded to give an important view on a question which has been in the minds of politicians lately, namely, whether a Labor or other government would pose an unchallenged right to dissolve parliament.

He declared: "The power to dissolve parliament is the prerogative of the Crown, but that does not mean the Crown ought to act arbitrarily. What it does mean is that the Crown is not obliged to take the advice of the ministry, provided that the Crown is the result of a general election it could find other ministers able to form a government."

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Thus, in Mr. Asquith's opinion, Labor, on succeeding to office, would have no right to resort to dissolution in the hope of consolidating their power through a stronger mandate from the country, but, in the event of the Labor administration suffering a preliminary defeat it would be within the province of the Crown to summon the Liberals to power.

A significant incident illustrating the change in the position of affairs, with the prospect of a Labor government, occurred today when Sir John Bradbury, of the Reparations Commission, who is in Great Britain on a consultative mission relative to the appointment of British financial experts on the Reparations Commission of Inquiry, went to visit and consult with Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader. Treasury officials, when questioned, affected complete ignorance of this visit, which, however, was fully confirmed tonight.

WILL ASK DIET TO REDUCE INDEMNITY

Majority in Japanese House Proposes Reduction in Payment for Earthquake Losses

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—The Seiyukai, majority political party of the Diet, at a meeting today, resolved to demand a reduction of more than 100,000,000 yen (\$50,000,000) in the government's estimates for earthquake reconstruction. The demand will be presented at the session of the Diet tomorrow.

The Kenseikai, or minority party, also met and decided to approve the present governmental estimates.

It is understood the government's proposals to aid the fire insurance companies by advancing them funds sufficient to pay ten per cent of their losses will be shelved owing to lack of time for discussion at the present extraordinary session of the Diet.

Reichsbank President

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the currency commissioner, has been appointed president of the Reichsbank, to succeed the late Rudolph Haseferlein.

SEVEN HURT AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Nineteen Passengers on Motor Stage Escape Death When Collision With E. & N. Train Occurs Near Nanaimo—Four Miners Carried Fifty Feet Unharmed on Fender of Engine—Impact Smashed Truck but Inflicts Few Serious Injuries on Occupants

NANAIMO, Dec. 18.—Seven miners were injured today when a collision occurred, about 2:15 p.m., between a southbound passenger train and the Whig-Hunt auto stage, which was en route from Comox Road. A terrible catastrophe was averted only by the fact that the train was moving at slow speed. The stage carried all nineteen men and boys, four of whom were caught up by the cow-catcher of the engine and carried along for fifty feet without injury.

All the injured men, who were rushed to hospital immediately after the accident, are expected to recover. The most seriously hurt is James Crutcher, of South Five Acres, who is injured about the head. The other casualties are William Mehans, A. Rubenstein, George Gould, James Young, all of Nanaimo.

The truck, which was being driven by William Seiger, was on its way to Lantzville with miners for the afternoon shift, and had almost cleared the railway crossing when the rear end of the truck was struck by the passenger train, which was travelling at a low rate of speed from Wellington. The impact swung the rear end of the truck clear of the track, wrecking its right side. The train was brought to a stop within fifty feet of the point of impact.

Including the driver, there were nineteen persons aboard the Whig-Hunt when the accident occurred. Sixteen of the number miners, and two of the passengers boys on their way to their homes in the district. Nearly all those aboard were bruised or cut, but only seven suffered injuries severe enough to necessitate their removal to hospital.

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FORMER EMPEROR GETS VERDICT FROM COURT

Seeks Rebuttal of Old Story Connected With German Naval Officer's Death in 1912

DORTMUND, Germany, Dec. 18.—A verdict has been rendered in favor of the former German Emperor in a libel suit instituted against the editor of the Anzeiger, Herr von Heydt, for having published a story different in version from that appeared abroad long ago, that the Kaiser in 1912 caused the suicide of Lieut. von Hahnke, a young officer attached to the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern. A fine of 100 gold marks was imposed. It was alleged that while the yacht was lying off the Scandinavian coast, von Hahnke struck the war lord in the face after having been insulted by him. Former vice-admiral Count Platen Hallermund, testified at the trial of the suit that he was officer of the watch at the time and that the injury of the former Emperor's face was due to a rope hitting him during the course of manoeuvres. No altercation whatever occurred between the Kaiser and von Hahnke, according to witness. The lieutenant went ashore with a friend for a ride on his bicycle; he lost control of the machine on a hill, fell in the sea and was drowned.

The former Emperor did not desire to inflict punishment as much as to have the court brand the story as an invention. The court found von der Heydt guilty of deliberate libel.

U.S. Senate Ratifies Arbitration Treaties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Conventions renewing the arbitrations with Britain, France, Japan, Norway and Portugal were ratified today by the Senate.

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LABOR PARTY HAS MANY ABLE PEERS

AMPLE TRIED TALENT TO FORM NEW CABINET

Besides Brailay Laborites, Ramsay MacDonald Can Choose From Members of Nobility

LONDON, Dec. 18.—If Ramsay MacDonald, as leader of a Labor Government, becomes Premier, what will he do concerning those appointments to His Majesty's Household which fall within the duty of the head of the government to make? This is a question which the public is asking.

There are eight e-h offices—Lord Chamberlain, Lord Steward of the Household, Treasurer of the Household, Controller of the Household, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, Captain of Gentlemen-at-Arms, Captain of Yeomen of the Guard, and Master of the Horse. In addition there are six Lords-in-Waiting.

These appointments are of very ancient origin and spring from the old-time fear that the sovereign might be surrounded by private advisers opposed to the ministerial policy. The Lord-in-Waiting takes turns attending the King personally. The present holders of office range in age from 18 to 50 years or thereabouts. The curious British constitution provides that the Lord Chamberlain should have the licensing of stage plays under his control.

Bernard Shaw as Censor. It is a literal fact that the would-be producer of a new play takes his manuscript to St. James' Palace and there deposits it, with the customary fee for examination by the Lord Chamberlain. The vagaries of the department in adjudicating on plays is notorious. It is suggested that Mr. MacDonald has an ideal Lord Chamberlain to hand in Bernard Shaw. Certainly nobody else in the Labor party knows more about stagecraft, and Shaw himself has suffered as much as any playwright at the hands of a previous Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. MacDonald may feel perplexed in finding a Master of the Horse, especially when the King, like everybody else, mostly uses motor cars nowadays.

It is quite possible, of course, that the younger members of the nobility, when a Labor Government is an accomplished fact, will find themselves of a sufficiently democratic turn to



THE CAT CAME BACK—AND GOT THE COLD SHOULDER
The return of the "Crown Prince" to Germany has failed to make any impression on the political life of Germany.

ally themselves with MacDonald's party, for some of the more elderly lords are announcing themselves as ready to give the Labor Government general support.

Lords Avowed Laborites
Lord Haldane, Earl Kimberley, Earl Russell and Earl De La Warr, are already avowed Labor party men. Lord Astor and Lord Farmore are the latest to signify their general assent to Labor principles. The Bishop of Manchester, a son of the late Archbishop Temple, is another recruit, and he will probably be joined by other democratically-minded of the spiritual peers.

Ramsay MacDonald is credited with the intention of raising to the peerage W. S. Royce, member for Holford, Lincolnshire, an expert in agricultural matters; Noel Buxton, member for North Norfolk; C. P. Trevelyan, Newcastle, and Arthur Ponsonby, Sheffield.

For his law offices MacDonald has at least three able Kings' Counsel to draw upon, not counting Lord Haldane.

Altogether the possible strength of Labor in the House of Lords is already by no means insignificant. Whether the party can produce a capable of doing steady team work is a matter upon which some of their most friendly critics are most apprehensive.

TEACH COMMUNISM IN CANADA'S SCHOOLS

Winnipeg Paper States Ukrainian Temple Inculcates Principles of Russian Socialism

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—There are in Canada 1,250 children in at least forty schools who "are being instructed in the principles of communism," through the instrumentality of the Ukrainian Labor Temple Association, according to a news story published today by The Manitoba Free Press. In the course of a series dealing with the history and alleged objectives of that organization, the children in these schools, declared The Free Press story, "are taught the principles of communism under the same system which prevails in Soviet Russia and Soviet Ukraine." The largest school is said to be in Winnipeg and 250 pupils from six to sixteen years, and another in Transcona has 200, while three others in Greater Winnipeg have smaller attendances.

Other City Schools
Toronto is alleged to have 189 scholars; Port Arthur, 45; Thorold, 55; Bathurst, 25; Leithbridge, 35; Moose Jaw, 62; Fort William, 54, and there are said to be 25 other branches with an average attendance of 25.

"Publicly," states the story, "the Ukrainian Labor Temple states that these children are instructed only in the Ukrainian language and culture. Official statements obtained by The Free Press, however, show that, at least, precisely the same textbooks and teaching methods are used in the schools of Soviet Russia. Communism, abolition of private property, Marxian Socialism and violent revolution are part of the course."

DECREASE IN DEATHS FROM CONSUMPTION

Canada Leads Great Britain and the United States in Low Rate of Tuberculosis

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Canada leads Great Britain and the United States in low tuberculosis death rate. Canada's deaths from all forms of tuberculosis for 1922 in the nine provinces numbered 7,553, a decrease of 13.5 deaths over 1921. The rate per 100,000 living in 1922 is 84.4, a decrease of 3.2 deaths per 100,000. Canada has spent on sanitariums, built or being under construction, \$11,000,000. Canada probably spent last year for the treatment of tuberculosis \$5,000,000. Every death decrease means a decrease of five open infective cases in the community.

TRAVELERS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Addressing the forty-ninth annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association here last night, Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of Militia and Defence, deplored the general lack of knowledge on the part of many Canadians of the Dominion. He quoted as an illustration, a letter that had reached him, addressed to "Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Pictou, Prince Edward Island," in which the writer protested bitterly against the geographical ignorance of the average Canadian. Optimism and faith in the future of Canada was the keynote of the addresses delivered last night.

John Perry, president; J. P. Boland, vice-president, and Maxwell Murdoch, treasurer, were elected by acclamation at the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association.

EMIGRATION MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION

Salvation Army Makes Sporting Offer in Answer to Cry for More Dominion Workers

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Overseas emigration was discussed at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts last night when Agent-General W. C. Noxon, of Ontario, pointed out that up to the end of last October, about 27,000 people had been sent overseas this year at a cost to the British Government of four hundred thousand pounds.

This statement led J. O. Smith, Canadian superintendent of immigration, to deplore the seeming departure of the adventurous spirit from the young men of today. Was it the doing which kept men at home? he asked, when work was waiting overseas because of the lack of men to do it.

Commissioner Lamb, of the Salvation Army, declared that the Army was sending five thousand overseas a week and would guarantee to find five thousand daily for Mr. Noxon if he would take them and Canada could absorb them.

Mr. Noxon made a suggestion that the British Government should devote the money spent in doing this to the unemployed upon having them migrate on community lines.

MINISTERS PROTEST AGAINST ARTICLES

Presbyterian Clergymen Declare Recent Addition Declaration of Faith Unnecessary

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Vigorous opposition has developed in the Presbyterian Church against the adoption of the five articles of faith demanded by the fundamentalists in their viceregal assembly last May. It was learned today at the headquarters of the New York Presbyterian Church. Ministers in all parts of the country, it was said, were signing a protest against the assertion that these five articles are essential to the church doctrine. The opposition against the declaration of the five articles of faith, officials of the Presbyterian said, could be compared to the objections of Episcopals to the pastoral letter of the House of Bishops. Both documents, they asserted, were inspired by the fundamentalists.

No Negotiations With Soviet Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hughes informed Russian Soviet officials today in a statement transmitted through the American Consul at Reval that "there would seem to be at this time no reason for negotiations with the Soviet Government, such as suggested in the message from the Soviet Foreign Minister received yesterday at the White House."

The secretary's statement said the American Government "is not proposing to barter away its principles."

JUDGE DICKSON DEAD

GODFREY, Ont., Dec. 18.—Judge Lewis H. Dickson, sixty-two, senior judge of Huron County, died suddenly at his country home last night of heart disease.

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PREMIER SHIES AT HINCHLIFFE MOTION

SAYS PROPOSAL WOULD COST TOO MUCH

Makes Definite Announcement Royal Commission Will Investigate P.G.E. Charges

Definite announcement that the Government would appoint a Royal Commission to probe into the charges of wrong-doing preferred by Sir Charles Tupper, now of the new Provincial Party, and the charges contained in that party's official organ, The Searchlight, was made in the Legislature yesterday morning by Premier Oliver. Beyond the bare statement, Mr. Oliver gave no details.

The Premier's statement was made during his remarks in the debate on the Hinchcliffe motion calling for a Royal Commission to investigate P.G.E. affairs and "this was a wide ground relative to that enterprise."

The Premier remarked he thought he had made himself clear on the question of an investigation when speaking on the subject a few days ago. It remained for Mr. Hinchcliffe to say he had not made the definite statement that a Royal Commission would be named under the Public Inquiries Act.

Would Be Costly
Arguing that a Royal Commission as called for in the Conservative member's motion would be very costly, and expressing doubt as to whether it was of one or three judges, with expensive legal counsel, an investigation such as asked for could be completed within a year, the Premier declared there was and had been an organized attempt to fasten wrong-doing on the Government, and one organization had already spent \$50,000 to that end, "this was some indication of what might be expected in an investigation when the reputations of members of the Government were at stake. Such an investigation would paralyze the business of the administration during its progress."

The Hinchcliffe resolution, the Premier stated, practically left nothing but a commission was not required to investigate. He recalled that in 1907 there had been an investigation into the P.G.E., and to adopt the motion now before the House would require all that work to be gone over again.

"I say, Mr. Speaker, the man accused of petty larceny is entitled to know of what he is charged, the Premier went on. "What is given to the lowest criminal, I as Premier, have a right to demand. I have done no wrong. Let them come forward with straight accusations of wrong-doing, and I will meet them here or in any court of the land," declared the Premier as he banged his desk.

Mr. Esling Returns to Attack
Supporting the Hinchcliffe resolution, Mr. W. K. Esling, Conservative member for Rossland, returned to his oft-repeated attack upon the Northern Construction Company and to the charges that the company had been looted to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Members, he declared, were reluctant in making charges when they might be mulcted several thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Mr. Esling asked the Premier if, in event of a member making a specific charge in the House, that member would be taxed with all legal costs. There was no response from either the Premier or the Attorney-General. Mr. Esling claimed that the Premier's lack of competency had cost the people thousands of dollars, and when the Royal Commission was appointed he hoped that incompetency was shown up.

Mr. G. S. Hanes claimed the inquiry of 1917 did not go far enough, and the resolution on the order paper demanded this. The Premier, he claimed, had made a settlement with the contractors, but had overlooked many details. The charge had been made that the treasury had been looted of five million dollars. He wanted to know where that five million went to, especially in view of the fact of the real activity regarding financial transactions of Foley, Welch & Stewart just prior to the election in August, 1916.

Mr. Hanes asked how much the firm of Bower, Reid & Walbridge was paid by the former contractors and by the Northern Construction Company when they acted as legal advisers, and how much of this amount the leader of the opposition, as a member of the firm, obtained.

Mr. Hanes declared that he did not intend to sit in the Chamber and listen to the Premier's intimations that the proposed inquiry was to be a narrow one.

Mr. Ian Mackenzie adjourned the debate.

PROPOSE BOUNTY ON B.C. PIG IRON

Minister of Mines Has Plan to Stimulate Industry—Probably Will Reject Landahl Scheme

While it is practically certain that the Landahl interests who have been seeking Government assistance to the foundation in this Province of an iron and steel industry will go away empty-handed, the Legislature will be asked by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, to take action towards inducing the Federal Government to grant a bounty on pig-iron and associated products which may be manufactured in this Province from iron ore of British Columbia.

The minister's motion sets forth that the industrial development of British Columbia requires that an iron and steel industry be established; that such industry would assist in the development of the dormant iron and coal resources, thereby giving more employment and building up a Province that in point of population, industrial activity and prosperity, will reflect the richness and variety of its resources; that the Federal Government has assisted the iron and steel industry of Eastern Canada by granting a bounty on pig-iron with the result that there was established on a sound basis one of the first industries of its kind in America. Therefore, the motion, sets forth, the Legislature should endorse the principle of the granting of a bounty by the Federal Government and urge upon the Dominion the advisability and necessity of favorable action to that end.

GENERAL'S \$18.70 INCOME TAX HAS NOT YET BEEN PAID

Suspensions of the relations between the Government and General A. D. McElae, were voiced by Mr. Thomas Uphill, in the Legislature yesterday morning.

"I want to know in all fairness what standing has McElae with this Government," said Mr. Uphill, a member, who expressed the opinion that all the heated remarks by Government members against the head of the new Provincial Party were just as much "bluff."

Mr. Uphill, on a question of privilege, recalled that the Minister of Mines, in the latter's trade against General McElae on Friday last, had made the statement that General McElae had paid \$18.70 in income taxes during the last year. According to the facts that was not correct.

Premier Oliver, who had apparently not been following the member, was on his feet in an instant on a point of order.

Hon. Mr. Manson hurriedly and in a hoarse whisper remarked to his leader, "Let him go."

Premier Oliver looked nonplussed for a moment but sat down.

Mr. Uphill referred to answers by Mr. Hart to questions put by Major R. J. Burde respecting amounts paid by General McElae on account of income taxes. He read that in 1914, the General had paid \$157.50; 1915, \$125; 1916, none; 1917, none; 1918 and 1919, none; 1920, \$1,116.33; 1921, none; 1922, \$85.03, and "tax for 1923, \$18.70 (not yet paid)."

"Why should General McElae get off, I notice the Minister of Finance comes into Fernie and makes the miners whack up more than this general is paying. It looks to me as if there is something funny somewhere," declared Mr. Uphill.

Hon. Mr. Sloan remarked that when he made his statement he understood that the general had paid his 1923 taxes. "I notice now that he has not done so. His credit is evidently good for \$18.70, but not much more," said the minister.

CITY NEEDS ITS SHARE OF MONEY

FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Civic Employees Will Have to Wait for Their Cheques and Authorities Don't Hurry

Unless the Provincial government pays the city some of the money it owes, the civic employees will have to wait for their December cheques. The Provincial authorities have not yet paid the city the latter's share of the motor licence and pari-mutuel taxes for the year or the liquor profit money for the last six months. The total of these amounts is over \$90,000. Further than that, Saanich has not yet been able to pay the city \$15,000, it owes for high school fees, as the government has not yet paid Saanich its share. Thus, directly and indirectly, through the failure of the Provincial authorities to make its contributions, "Victoria is short over \$100,000 in its receipts."

The city has counted on this money to meet its bills, and the failure of it to arrive has placed the corporation in an embarrassing position. While it will have a cash deficit at the end of the year, it had made up its mind that there would be no bank overdraft, and it intends to stay by this decision. The consequence will be that if the government funds are not received at the City Hall before the end of the month, the employees will be late in getting their cheques, and the payment of other bills will have to be postponed.

The race meets held in British Columbia this year with their pari-mutuel profits, took place months ago, and the bulk of the motor licence money was doubtless collected early in the year. It is said at the City Hall where the failure of the government to pay up is deplored.

Mayor Hayward has already made one attempt to get the desired revenue from the Provincial authorities, and when the gravity of the present situation was explained to him yesterday he decided to immediately make a further and urgent request.

Unemployment Shows Decrease In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The number of unemployed persons in the United Kingdom declined this past week by 14,520, the total number now being 1,180,209.

Steel Shareholders Meet

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Shareholders of the L. R. Steel Company at their meeting last night decided to petition the Government to protect their interests and to help in the effort that is being made to lift the Steel Company out of its present financial straits. Hope was expressed by those attending the meeting that something might be salvaged from the wreckage to give the shareholders a reasonable return of the money they invested.

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Rising to a question of privilege in the Legislature yesterday noon, Mr. W. J. Bower, K.C., leader of the opposition, drew the attention of the House to an incident of the night previous when the Minister of Finance had rushed through a typewritten copy of the bill for supply amounting to over \$20,000,000.

Mr. Bower stated that he had always been opposed to the bringing down of important legislation at the last minute and also drew attention to the statements made by the Attorney-General, prior to the session, that the legislation was practically in a completed stage.

"This typewritten bill was in such shape that even the clever mind of the member for the islands could not fathom it," declared Mr. Bower, who pointed out that at the end of three sittings held on Monday both he and the Premier were tired out and therefore were not in physical shape to watch everything going on in the House.

Mr. Bower challenged the Premier that in his political history had he witnessed a supply drawn up in such shape being rushed through the House, one dealing with twenty million dollars. The bill is now printed. "It was a reprehensible practice and now we find on the printed bill that not a single dollar has been voted to carry on the Government during the next fiscal year," said Mr. Bower, as he called the attention of the Minister of Finance to the fact that 1924 was inserted in the bill instead of 1925.

Hon. Mr. Hart denied having read the printed bill, while Premier Oliver accused Mr. Bower of awaiting the chance to criticize the Government on every opportunity. The bill would

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Knocked down by an automobile in front of his father's house, little Walter Buckingham, five-year-old son of Councillor and Mrs. W. J. Buckingham, of South

Vancouver, was killed this afternoon. The boy, with another child, was playing on the road when auto B.C. 21,754, driven by General Victor Odium, ran over him as he was running across the street.

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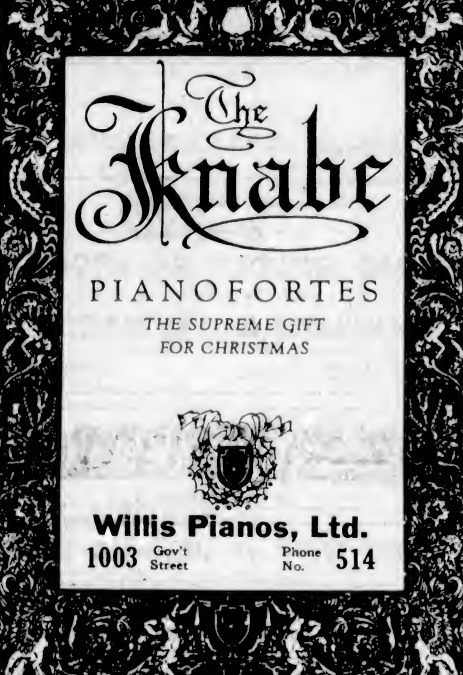
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Visions of a dry and joyless Christmas were conjured up in the police court yesterday, when Mr. John E. Day, representing Mr. Frank Higgins, K.C., appeared in support of his claim to the goodly stock of wassail recently seized by city police officers in Mr. Day's house, 81 Coast Street. Magistrate Jay reserved judgment until Friday.

Mr. Day's answer to the charge that the liquor was not seized in accordance with the provisions of the Government Liquor Act was that he was absent in England when the statute, of ever-blessed memory, became law; and that when he applied to an official of the Liquor Board to have it sealed on his return to Victoria, he was told that it was too late, but as there were many other people in the same position, the Board was willing to let them keep their liquor. Mr. Day had had some of this old, matured, well-blended stuff for seven or eight years, he told the court.

A Joyless Age, Alas!
City Prosecutor Harrison admitted that on the facts it did seem like an injustice that all this potential Christmas cheer should remain withheld from Mr. Day, and should continue to seep with its rich aroma the gloomy fastnesses of the city jail. But this was an age of unusual legislation, commented Mr. Harrison, dryly—no doubt of the dryness in this connection—and the terms of the statute seemed to be absolute and peremptory.

Magistrate Jay showed himself as impressed with the contention of Mr. Higgins, that Mr. Day had showed his good faith by reporting the liquor on his return to Victoria in the Fall of 1921. Mr. Higgins further argued that the sealing provision could not apply to Mr. Day because he was out of the statute's jurisdiction when the time limit for sealing of pre-statutory liquor expired. The court desired to consider the effect of the provision.

Captain Ley, Inspector of the Liquor Board, confirmed Mr. Day's statement that the liquor had been reported to him; and that he had informed Mr. Day that nothing would be done about it.

Who Cares About Rum?
Mouths watered and eyes glistened in court when the seized liquor was described, item by item, as a stock of very finest, and enough of it to gladden the heart of a front line battalion on a rumless night of the Great War.

There was no rum listed, but persons in court had a sort of "we should worry" look when they heard the soul-satisfying declaration of what the so-called minions of the law had seized from the desolate cellars of Mr. Cook. Thus there were two forty-gallon kegs of rye whisky, very old, and of the highest quality, and if that seemed inadequate, there were seven ten-gallon kegs of the same, likewise v.o.p. Then, seeing that it was Christmas time, and what was Christmas without it, there was one ten-gallon keg of very choice old brandy. And, just to strengthen the idea that this was then good old days come back again, there was one twenty-gallon keg of fine, old, tawny, crusted port.

Just to Think of It All
There were few dry eyes in the courtroom, when the content was reached in the recital, but that was not all of it. There was plenty of other soothing and mollifying stuff—stuff "melting to the organ," as Silas Wegg had it.

There was a fifteen-gallon keg of Scotch whisky; and, if one was so fussy that one did not like it in the wind market, there was a case of bottled Scotch. There was also one case of bottled Scotch, "with no marks on it"; but everyone present seemed unanimous that they, for that matter, take a chance on it, marks or no marks. And to make joyful the hearts that may never rejoice, and to drink Christmas healths that will never be drunk, unless the heart of Magistrate Jay shall be softened by next Friday, there were six whole cases of Moet and Chandon champagne, extra dry, magnifying the sort that used to stick up out of a bucket of ice like a lighthouse at sea on a dark and stormy night.

"Oh, what a terrible disaster, if he don't get it back," said one person sitting at the press table. "Lord, what a hard-hearted world it's getting to be," added this person.

MR. J. A. WATSON PASSES AWAY HERE

Was Actively Connected With Mining Development in Province—Lived Here Since 1900

Mr. John Adam Watson, who was interested in mining development in the Province for many years, passed away last night at his residence on St. John Street after a short illness. Mr. Watson was born in Glasgow and educated at Greenwich and Lausanne, entering the profession of mining engineer. Arriving in Canada in 1881, he lived on the Prairies for a time and then moved to the Kootenays where he was actively interested in mining development. He came to Victoria first in 1888, and returned to Scotland where he was married in 1897 to Alice Mary Harrison Clarke. From 1900 to the present time Mr. Watson resided in Victoria. Practising as a surveyor, he assisted in the laying out of Prince Rupert townsite.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his widow; two sons, John Henry, of Victoria, and Walter Boyd Swinton, of Portland, Oregon; one daughter, Mrs. W. J. V. Church, Victoria, and a sister, Mrs. D. J. Byrne, Kamloops.

NOTE CIRCULATION
OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Dominion note circulation at the close of November stood at \$240,995,544, an increase of \$241,778,806 on October 31. Gold held against the notes was \$109,301,083 on November 30, against \$112,303,595 on October 31. During November, the percentage of gold to notes showed a decrease. On November 30, it was 45.3 and on October 31, it was 46.5. The Dominion notes outstanding against approved securities were \$94,720,000 at the end of November, and on October 31 they were \$92,570,000.

General Public Urged to Attend Chamber Meeting

The general public will be welcome at the quarterly general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 12:15 p.m. today, in the auditorium of the Chamber. The main business of the meeting, apart from the presentation of the directors' reports of the activities of the past three months, will be a public discussion of the Amusement Centre proposals of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. F. M. Hattenbury, architect of the structure, will speak, as will also Mr. Alfred Carmichael, of the Chamber's Amusement Centre Committee. The meeting will take the form of a luncheon. The public will be welcome either at the luncheon itself, or after it.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Late Mr. Norris Strauss Was Connected With Victoria Firm Sixteen Years Ago

Word has been received in Victoria of the death on Monday, December 17, in Alameda, California, of Mr. Norris Strauss, at the age of seventy-two years. The late Mr. Strauss was a resident of Victoria for sixteen years, leaving here about sixteen years ago. He was formerly manager of the C. Strauss Company, wholesale dry goods merchant of this city, and leaves a host of friends and acquaintances. He is survived by his widow and three children, residing in California.

OBITUARIES

SALMON—There passed away on Tuesday, December 18, at the family residence, Effie Beatrice Salmon, aged forty years, wife of Edward Salmon, of Glenford Avenue, Saanich. Mrs. Salmon was a native of Liverpool, England, coming to Canada eighteen years ago, residing in Saanich, near North Battleford, until the year 1920, and coming to Saanich at that time. She is survived by her husband and little daughter, Evelyn, and a sister, Mrs. Harold Salmon, of Saanich, and three sisters and two brothers in England. The remains were removed to McCall Bros' Funeral Home, where the funeral will be held later.

WATSON—The death occurred last evening at the family residence, 545 St. John Street, of John Adam Watson, a resident of this city for the past twenty-three years. The deceased was sixty-three years of age and was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. J. V. Church, of this city, and two sons, John H. Watson, of Victoria, and Walter Watson, of Port Moody. The remains are being held at the McCall Bros' Funeral Home, and the funeral will be given.

ROSS—The funeral of Mr. Charles Leslie Ross, who passed away at his home on December 14, will take place this afternoon from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Mr. Rickell will officiate and interment will be made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

McLACHLAN—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie McLachlan took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sands Funeral Chapel, where the Rev. W. G. Wilson conducted a very impressive service. Relatives and a very large gathering of friends attended, and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The hymns sung were, "Oh, For a Faith," and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Weep." Mrs. Williams sang a solo entitled "Hark, Hark, My Soul," accompanied by Mrs. Coverdale. Messrs C. Prescott, D. Ballentine, A. J. Kirkpatrick, N. Duncan, C. Daily and J. McKay acted as pallbearers, and the remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

GORDON—The funeral of Mr. James Henry Gordon, who passed away at the family residence, 703 Pine Street, last Monday, will take place tomorrow, December 20, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, with full military honors. Captain C. Reid will officiate, and the remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery. The late Mr. Gordon was born in Plymouth, England, in 1859, and had been a resident of this city for the past eight years, and is survived by, besides his widow, four sons and one brother.

TERRELL—The funeral of Mr. Samuel Terrell, who passed away at his home, 527 Pembroke Street last Monday will take place tomorrow afternoon, December 20, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Elliot will officiate, and the remains will be forwarded on the night boat to Guelph, Ontario, where interment will be made in the family plot. The late Mr. Terrell was born in Guelph, Ontario, on April 10, 1858, and has been a resident of this city for the past ten years, and is survived by one daughter, at home, three sisters and one brother in Ontario.

Fatal Collision
WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—Archie Campbell, 41, of Transcona, Man., was killed, and two men injured, when two freight trains of the Canadian National Railway collided head-on between Minak and Reddick, Ont., yesterday afternoon.



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GROWERS OF B.C. TO CONFER HERE

CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH MARKET PROBLEMS

Meeting of Saanich Fruit Growers' Association Is Informal of Gathering in January

A conference between the directors of Vancouver Island and Mainland Berry Growers' Associations will take place on January 4 here to consider such questions of mutual interest as the disposition of surplus and the distribution of berries on the Prairies. The meeting of the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association held in the Temperance Hall, Keating, on Monday night, was informal. The gathering was well attended.

A suggestion was made in a resolution presented to the meeting that steps be taken leading to the formation of an island federation of fruit growers, and the inauguration of closer co-operation, perhaps affiliation, with Mainland growers. The resolution was laid on the table until the January meeting of the association when it will come up for discussion and consideration.

The committee appointed to investigate the questions of a jam and preserving plant reported progress, and will not present its findings until the meeting in the latter part of January. Mr. H. E. Tanner, manager of the association, reported on his appearance before the Railway Board at Vancouver to fight the move of the express companies for a rate adjustment which would cost the Saanich growers several thousands of dollars.

Mr. G. Stewart was nominated as the director of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for Victoria district. His name will go before the annual convention of the association in January. Mr. Tanner was chosen as the delegate of the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association to this gathering.

Mr. Thornton, a director of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, and the Chilliwack Fruit Growers' Association, gave a short and interesting address, dealing principally with the question of dehydration.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY RULES THE MARKET

MAJESTIC BIRD BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Low Prices Quoted Have Put Main Ingredient of Christmas Dinner Within Easy Reach

Indications apparent during the first two days of this week are that all previous records in Victoria established by their majesties Melanagris Gallopavo, the lamellirostris descendens of Branta Canadensis, and the husbands and sons of numerous Madames Hens, will be bent, broken and smashed.

In real language, Victoria shopkeepers within whose stores are sold the main ingredients of Christmas dinners, state that never before have they sold so many Christmas turkeys. Christmas geese, and Christmas chickens, during Monday and yesterday the demand has been consistent and prolonged and thousands of birds are now gracing the larders of Victoria homes.

Of the three principal Christmas fowls, King Turkey reigns supreme. Dealers report that more turkeys have been sold, than geese and chickens combined, and they expect the demand to continue until the holiday season is over.

Mr. R. W. Dodds, manager of the Island Market, a P. Burns & Company establishment, states that far more birds have been sold to date than was the case last year, and nearly as many as last year. Most of the geese and chickens his firm is handling are Vancouver Island bred and raised. He believes that price is the principal reason for the "turkey" craze this year, his birds are selling for thirty cents a pound, in comparison to last year's prices of forty to fifty cents a pound.

A good seasonal demand is also apparent for choice cuts of Christmas beef, pork, mutton and lamb, but it is falling far below the call for feathered delicacies. Mr. Dodds states that a big shipment of Christmas beef is due to arrive in Victoria today from Calgary and it is marked as the choicest of stall-fed stock. Best cuts will be offered at forty cents and other portions will run down to fifteen cents. Other Victoria dealers are also carrying good stocks of prime beef and other meats, a considerable portion of it Vancouver Island product.

MAY REJECT IDEA OF PROVINCIAL VOTE ON SALE OF BEER

Radical changes in the principle on which the vote on the plebiscite on the question of the sale of beer by the glass will be taken, have been decided upon by the Government.

The bill as drafted calls for a provincial vote, and if what the Attorney-General calls a "foundation vote" of two-fifths of the electors favored sale, then in those districts wherein more than a fifty per cent vote favored sale, they would be allowed to inaugurate the new system, while in those where the vote in favor was a minority vote, they would yet later be allowed to take a vote again on the question.

Prediction is made that the Government will abandon altogether the provincial vote, and will simply provide for a straight local option vote on a majority basis. If the bill is to be the case the bill may be expected to be roundly criticized. On previous liquor plebiscites the issue depended upon a provincial vote. To inaugurate the local option principle may be expected to meet with strong opposition.

Practical Gifts For Girls

Toys for the children, perhaps a Radio Set for the bigger boy, but for the big girl what? This store abounds in practical gift suggestions that will delight the girl of 18 or 20. There are racks here with beautifully colored dresses of flannel and they are very reasonably priced at \$12.95. Other dresses of navy tricotine at \$14.95 or party dresses of vellavella at \$33.50 are but a few of many suggestions for practical gift giving provided by this store.



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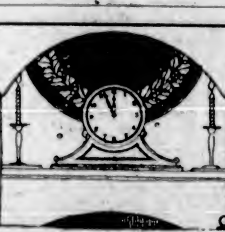
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City and District

Loose Roll of Money—D. Pallantier, 1755 Roderick Street, Saanich, reported to the police department yesterday that a roll of money amounting to \$175 had been taken from his house some time Sunday night. He had entertained a few men there, and after their departure he missed the roll.

Welsh Society—All members of the Victoria Welsh Society are asked to hand in the names and ages of their children to the secretary, Mr. D. Collinson, not later than Wednesday, December 19, so that the executive may know what presents are to be purchased for the society's coming Christmas tree. All members' children up to the age of fourteen are eligible for presents.

Veterans of France—The Veterans of France are holding their Christmas tree and party for the children of members and orphans of ex-service men on Friday, December 28, at 3 p.m., in their clubrooms at corner of Douglas and Courtney Streets. Please send the names of children attending to be present to the secretary of the association, Joe Bloom, not later than Saturday, December 22.

Real Estate Board—The Real Estate Board of Victoria will hold its semi-monthly meeting in the Chamber of Commerce building, at 12:30. After some brief business has been transacted those present will probably adjourn to the auditorium, as the Chamber of Commerce has invited the members to be present to hear the full particulars being given by speakers as to the Amusement Centre.

Royal Bank Dance—The first social function to be conducted by the employees of the Royal Bank of Canada in this city will be held next Thursday night, in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Dancing will commence at 9 p.m. to the strains of music provided by Bert Zala's orchestra. Dress will be informal. Supper will be served during the evening. The affair promises to be a big success.

Rebekah Lodge Bazaar—Mrs. A. E. Kent, convener of the Rebekah Lodge bazaar, held last Saturday, wishes to thank all those who in any way helped to make the bazaar such a success.

Those holding the lucky numbers are as follows: Bridal doll, Mrs. Roy, 244 Superior Street; chicken, Mrs. McKennie, Raimorai Hotel; beaded bag, Mrs. R. Wallace Whidden, 805 Linden Avenue; hand-painted plate, Mr. Clarence Brown, 5 Green Street; Christmas cake, Miss Peggy Rasdale, 334 Lyall Street.

Backfire Breaks Leg—Mr. Edgar Morrison, 2740 Avebury Avenue, met with a strange accident yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, when in attempting to start the engine of his motorcycle, the starting pedal whirled backward owing to a backfire, and struck him on the right leg, breaking the bone. First aid was rendered by Constable Shakespeare, of the Victoria Police Department, and afterwards Dr. McPherson attended the injured man at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Club Beer-Selling Case Adjourned—Evidence for the prosecution against the Royal Club, Yates Street, charged with sale of beer, was given in the police court yesterday by a young seaman of the Royal Canadian Navy, who served with beer bought by a friend, a member of the club. The sailor gave his name as seventeen, and it developed that the housewife in question, Mrs. H. C. Hall, K. C., appearing for the defence, obtained a remand until tomorrow, when witnesses will testify for the club.

Football Men Friends Again—Peace and reconciliation had been effected among the estranged officers of the Lower Island Football Association, Magistrate Jay was informed in the police court yesterday, when the case of Joseph Bloom, charged with the assault of James Keen, was called on for remand. Mr. H. A. Beck, with, appearing for Mr. Bloom, told the court that by the good offices of Mr. James Adam, well-known for his sports in local sports, the two men had been reconciled and to bury hard feelings for the good and welfare of football in Victoria. Magistrate Jay said he was glad to hear it, and he would consent to a withdrawal of the charge.

REEVE OPPOSES \$150,000 PLAN

SAYS OAK BAY COUNCIL DOES NOT ENDORSE SCHEME

Reeve Hewlett Suggests School Board Evolve Temporary Scheme to Meet Situation

"I am most strongly opposed to the expenditure of \$150,000 for the building of a new high school," said Reeve H. P. Hewlett, of Oak Bay, yesterday, to indicate his policy with regard to the new school proposed for the municipality by the Board of School Trustees.

"Furthermore," he went on, "the Oak Bay Council does not endorse the trustees' plans. Statements to that effect appearing in the afternoon paper report of Friday night's meeting held by the trustees to enlighten the public about their plans are entirely wrong."

"At a joint meeting held by the Council and the School Board some weeks ago to discuss the matter of school accommodation, the councillors realized that the trustees were confronted with a very serious problem. In view of that fact they passed a resolution to the effect that they recognized the necessity for some further accommodation. But they did not endorse the trustees' plan."

"I think the School Board would be wise to evolve some other scheme to meet the situation temporarily," the Reeve concluded.

FIGHT FOR SEPARATE PEACE RIVER SEAT DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Although putting up a strong argument in favor of the Peace River District having separate representation as apart from that of Fort George, as at present, Mr. Harry Perry's amendment lost out in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by a vote of twenty-three to nineteen when the Redistribution Bill was under discussion.

Mr. Perry claimed that the district in the far north deserved better treatment and should have a member who would be a resident of the district for the majority of the year, rather than compelling the present member, at great expense and long travel, to visit there each year. It was financially impossible for anyone to properly look after the district in its present stage.

From an isolation and resources standpoint, the Peace River should be given a seat of its own, claimed the Fort George member. The only drawback was the matter of population, which in voting strength, amounted to 600 in the last revision, but the members should be sympathetic and reasonable.

"MY ERROR" ADMITS PREMIER, SPEAKING OF ESILING MOTION

Premier Oliver admitted that he had been under a misapprehension the other day when he opposed the motion of Mr. W. K. Esiling, Conservative member for Rossmore, on the ground that the member's motion for a return of all correspondence between the Premier and officials of the railway department between October 1, 1919, and March 31, 1920, had been referred to the Public Accounts Committee. The Premier yesterday morning informed the House that he had been under a misapprehension that the same course had been taken this year, but he found he had been misinformed.

But, the Premier said, usually in such cases only copies of correspondence are called for. In this case the originals were asked and as such reputation, I don't propose to give up those documents. I don't know what is in his mind in asking for this correspondence and other demands which the member had been loading down the order paper with," said the Premier who asked the House to refuse the motion.

Mr. Bert Kergin moved the adjournment of the debate.

It is expected that Mr. Esiling's motion will be kept from a vote by the House before the adjournment of the debate until the session concludes, when it will be left "high and dry."

OKLAHOMA MURDER

MARLOW, Okla., Dec. 18.—Marlow's unwritten law, exemplified by prominent public signs bearing the command: "Negro, don't let the sun show on you here," caused the death last night of A. W. Birch, prominent hotel owner, and the probable fatal wounding of the first negro who has stayed here more than a day in years. They were victims of a mob of more than fifteen men, who went to the hotel where the negro had been employed three days ago as a porter, and shot them down when Birch attempted to persuade them to desist from their threat to lynch the negro.

The members of the Pacific Cable Board, giving a farewell dance to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Nevitt in the Community Hall at the Station, Mr. Nevitt is being transferred at the end of the present month to another of the Pacific Cable Board stations. During their stay at Bamfield, Mr. and Mrs. Nevitt have taken a keen interest in the social and athletic life of the station, and their many friends are taking this opportunity of giving them a send-off.

ALBERNI NEWS
PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 18.—Owing to very heavy rainfall which has been experienced locally for the past ten days, the creeks and rivers of the district are badly swollen, and Spruce Lake has reached a higher level than it has for a number of years. It is at present within four inches of the highest mark ever recorded for the lake.

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Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

At the convention of the B. C. Trustees Association at Duncan this year a delegate was appointed time-keeper, and whenever a speaker reached his limit by the clock, the gentleman watching the hands would leap to his feet and declare "Time" in loud accents. This proved a useful method of cutting down the speeches.

The afternoon that the Minister of Education was present at the convention, his representative, Inspector Stewart, began to speak on the subject before the gathering just after Dr. Maclean arrived. It was not many minutes before the Minister was startled by the sudden uprising of a gentleman near the front, who said "Time," whereupon Inspector Stewart sank down obediently into his seat.

CHRISTMAS TRADE SHOWS INCREASE

LOCAL CITIZENS DO THEIR SHOPPING EARLIER

Business This Season Promises to Exceed That of Previous Years—Stores Open All Day Today

Christmas trade in Victoria has already been quite brisk, and the volume of business that will be done this year promises to outdo that of the corresponding period during the past few seasons, merchants of the city stated last night. The Colonist was informed that the business men have found that the citizens are not leaving their shopping until the last day, but are busily engaged in selecting their gifts at the present time.

Business firms report a steady growth in trade thus far over what they experienced last winter. More people are visiting the different establishments, and making larger purchases, and those that are of a more expensive variety than usual.

Many of the stores have secured the services of extra help, as great has been the demand upon them by the public, and so large a business they feel confident they will handle before Christmas Day arrives. The business houses have been crowded with people who are attending to their Christmas requirements early in the week previous to Christmas itself.

The sidewalks on Douglas Street and other main thoroughfares are filled with people, especially during the afternoon, and parcels and packages in arms, hustling to and fro, visiting one store and then another in their quest for the articles that they seek to secure. This rush is leaving its imprint upon the merchants, whose Christmas trade up to the present has increased over that of former years to quite an extent. And it appears a certainty that the rush will continue at an even greater rate. Stores will be open this afternoon, the usual Wednesday half-holiday being done away with for the day, while the majority of the firms will remain open for business tomorrow, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights until 9 p.m., some remaining open till 9:30.

MURDERED IN INDIA

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 18.—News was received by J. B. Walkem, K.C., yesterday, that Captain John M. Walls, the latter a daughter of the late Colonel Giles, of this city, have been murdered in India. No particulars were received regarding the crime.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 18, 1923.
The barometer is slowly rising over this Province, and fair weather is general from the Coast to Manitoba.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	42	47
Kamloops	42	48
Backleyville	38	44
Priest Rapids	40	45
Edmonton	40	45
Calgary, Alta.	40	45
Winnipeg	38	43
Portland, Ore.	40	45
Seattle, Wash.	40	45
Portland, Me.	40	45
Grand Forks	38	43
Crabrook	38	43
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Social Events

Celebrate Anniversary

A very enjoyable evening was spent last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherriff, Fort Street, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gilchrist, 2710 Scott Street. Five hundred guests were present, the prize winners being: Ladies' first, Miss Brooks; second, Mrs. Vickers. Gentlemen's first, Mr. J. Baron; second, Dr. C. Kelley. After delicious refreshments had been served by the hostess, Mrs. Gilchrist, assisted by Mrs. Sherriff and Miss Davies, dancing was indulged in, excellent music being provided by Mr. W. Sherriff. The singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" brought a delightful evening to a close. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sherriff, Miss Marjory Sherriff, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sherriff, Miss Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Creed, Mr. Frank Creed, the Messrs. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Mrs. W. Ashton and Miss Edna Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brooks and Miss Lillian Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baron and Mrs. H. Paver.

Skating Club

The Victoria Skating Club held its weekly session last night. The ice was good and amongst those noticed skating and dancing to the music of the arena band were: Mr. and Mrs. Lecky, Commander and Mrs. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Austin-Leigh, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Troup, the Messrs. Campbell, Carlyle, Clark, Cotton, Harper, Hodgins, L. and B. Hyndman, Innes, Jones, Kirk, Lemon, Mara, Matson, Nicholson, Pemberton, Rant, Streetfield, Stirling, Sherwood, and the Messrs. Archibald, Allen, De Bullay, Cran, Gordon, Hotham, Holmes, Holland, Izard, Mathews, McCullum, Peters, Pemberton, Rose, Varrow and Dr. Robertson. The guests of the evening included Miss Protheroe, Miss Harvey, and the Messrs. Robinson, Cunningham and Donell. Next week the club will hold its weekly meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas morning and to same on New Year's morning.

Goes to Vancouver

Mrs. George Jay, of Victoria, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mutch, in Vancouver for a few days, prior to their departure for Nelson, where Mr. Mutch has been appointed accountant in the Bank of Commerce.

Hosts at Dance

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. James Forman were hosts at a delightful dance at their home on Terrace Avenue in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen Forman. About sixty guests were present. Prof. Heaton supplied the dance music.

Returns to Victoria

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WEDDINGS

Nobbs-Astley

A very pretty home wedding took place on Saturday at 229 Agnes Street, Esquimalt, when Raymond Charles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nobbs, Garbally Road, and Hilma Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Astley, Vancouver, were united in matrimony by the Rev. Daniel Walker, of the Gorge Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a very large number of friends and relatives of the happy couple. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful dress of white silk, trimmed with lace and pearls, with conventional veil of old lace adorned with orange blossoms. She was attended by Florence Nobbs, bridesmaid, and two dainty little flower girls, Mavis Johnston and Margaret (Peggy) Harper, while the groom was supported by Mr. William Rodgers as best man. After the ceremony the bride and groom, who were the recipients of many useful and pretty gifts, departed for the Malahat on a brief honeymoon, and subsequently will reside in Vancouver, British Columbia.

CHINESE LAD ADOPTS CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Sunday was a red letter day for the Anglican Chinese Mission, Johnson Street, for at 4 p.m., in the presence of a goodly number of Sunday scholars, the Rev. N. L. Ward, superintendent, baptised a young Chinese convert, who made an open confession of his belief in the Christian faith. At 6:30 p.m. the Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia administered the rite of confirmation to two young men, a large congregation of Chinese and interested friends being present. The Bishop gave a spiritual and inspiring address to the candidates, pointing out the significance of Chinese associations and the people's reverence for them. The Anglican branch of the church held in reverence her historical associations, the rite of confirmation dating back to the days of the apostles.

Rev. N. L. Ward interpreted into

Chinese. The service of Holy Communion in Chinese followed, the newly confirmed and other confirmed members of the Mission taking part. The large congregation of interested friends was a joy to the Bishop, to the superintendent and to members of the staff.

The Venerable Archdeacon Barnett, who is the senior C. M. S. missionary in South China, in writing to Rev. Mr. Ward, speaks of the extremely troubled condition of the city of Canton, saying:

"Matters political are, as you know, very disturbed with us. Our compound butts are on the east parade ground; on several evenings a week at sundown men are being there executed, with occasionally a woman. It is very sad to hear the report of the guns of the firing party night after night. Meanwhile the city is under martial law, and the opposing general, Chan Kwing Ming, has sent word that he will be in the city in a few days. This may be a tall boat, but in any case the present situation is very unsatisfactory. Our work goes on practically as if all things were

quiet. The ladies visiting in the city report that the readiness to hear the gospel has never been greater. Unfortunately, owing to the abundance of soldiers and brigands in the country, itineration is for the time being forbidden."

CHRISTMAS MAIL

One Delivery to Be Made on Holiday—Postoffice Arrangements Announced

On Christmas Day, the postoffice registration and general delivery wickets will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. only, and postage stamps will be sold during these hours. Money order wickets will be closed all day. There will be one delivery by letter carrier, commencing about 9 o'clock, and as many parcels as possible will be delivered during the day.

All mails due to be dispatched will be made up as usual. The night street letter-box collections only will be made. The postoffice lobby will be open as on ordinary week-days.

Macey Cuts Again and Speeds Selling

You may have visited this sale before, but come again and see what we've done to the prices! Many of the items you admire are still further reduced

Photo Frames Swing Frames in silver or gilt. Reg. \$2.75. Sale \$2.04 Best English Leather Photo Frames. Reg. \$7.50. Sale \$4.20	Candlesticks Beautifully turned mahogany. Per pair, \$1.80. 98¢ Sale Old English Brass Candlesticks. Reg. \$22.00. Sale \$10.80	"Stampcraft" Children's Books Paste-In Books for Children, specially priced at \$1.35 down to 14¢	Writing Papers Gilt-Edge Correspondence Cards, gift styles. 38¢ Sale Good Quality Writing Papers in gift boxes. Reg. 85¢. Sale 68¢
Sectional Bookcases Macey Sectional Bookcases. Best quality, 3 sections, top and base. Reg. \$40.00. Sale \$26.90	Playing Cards Fancy gilt-edge gift styles. Reg. \$1.25. Sale \$1.05	Powder Jars Original designs in high-grade porcelain. Reg. \$8.50. Sale \$4.20	Dennison's Dept. Dennison's Nut Baskets. A most artistic table decoration. Reg. 35¢. Sale 18¢ Dennison's Tags and Seals. Reg. 10¢, 15¢ and 20¢. Sale 9¢ All Dennison Crepe Paper still further reduced.
Framed Pictures and Mottoes Maxfield Parrish Pictures, beautifully framed. In pairs, entitled "Morning" and "Evening." Single pictures. \$4.50 Pairs. Reg. \$11.00. Sale \$8.10 "Cleopatra." Reg. \$3.50. Sale \$2.60 "The Rubaiyat." Reg. \$3.50. Sale \$2.60 "The Garden of Allah." Reg. \$3.50. Sale \$2.60 "Madame Le Brun and Daughter," an oil facsimile—framed. Reg. \$5.80. Sale \$5.80 "Off the Chapman Light," A Whittington water color. Reg. \$30.00. Sale \$15.00 "The Optimist" and "The Pessimist." A pair of pictures—great gift for a man. Reg. \$6.00 a pair. Sale \$4.00 Kipling's "If." Reg. \$2.60. Sale \$1.30	Christmas Gift Boxes Attractive Red Boxes to pack gifts in. Sale prices from 10¢	Book Ends Italian art of an exceptionally high order. Reg. \$5.00 pair. Sale \$3.70	Leather Gifts Gent's Bill Folds. Reg. 80¢. Sale 60¢ Gent's Wallets. Reg. \$5.00. Sale \$3.70 Ladies' Vanity Boxes. Reg. \$5.00. Sale \$3.70 Ladies' Bags. Best English leather and newest styles. Reg. \$5.25. Sale \$3.95 Large Size English Morocco Leather Handbags, with leather lining. Reg. \$12.60. Sale \$9.45 Gent's English Leather Attache Cases. Reg. \$10.00. Sale \$7.50 Ladies' Back Strap Purse. Reg. \$2.80. Sale \$1.60
Framed Pictures and Mottoes "The Blessed Bread" and "The Madonna." Gallery pictures of religious subjects. Reg. \$4.50 each. Sale \$2.90 Framed Mottoes. Reg. \$1.00. Sale 68¢ "The Twenty-Third Psalm." Illuminated on parchment. Reg. \$3.85. Sale \$1.90	Christmas Cards Our Christmas Cards have always been priced lower than elsewhere in the city. Now every card must go and to clear them out we have marked them at a still Further Discount of 10%	Beaded Bags Magnificent Bags imported direct from Paris. Nothing like them shown on the Pacific Coast. Reg. \$37.00. Sale \$22.00	Children's Gifts Pencil Sets. Reg. 36¢ 50¢. Sale 28¢ Notepaper. Reg. 40¢. Sale 28¢
Smokers' Gifts Smokers' Stands of mahogany. Reg. \$5.00. Sale \$2.60 Brass Smokers' Stands, in satin-bronze finish. Reg. \$20.00. Sale \$8.90 Smokers' Trays in beautiful blue glass. Set of four. Reg. \$2.75. Sale \$2.50			

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BAZAAR AND GIFTS AID MEMORIAL ROOM FUNDS FOR HOSPITAL

At a meeting of the Dr. O. M. Jones Chapter, I.O.O.F., held last evening in the Hamley Building, announcement was made that the handsome sum of \$150 was realized from the recent bazaar, including further donations from Dr. Ridewood and the Misses Ellis, Heaney and Martin, of Vancouver. This money will go towards the furnishing and equipment of a free surgical dressing room, in memory of the late Dr. O. M. Jones.

The Milk Fund was augmented by

the sum of \$10.70 from the Community Chest.

Great interest centered around the drawing for the doll, the doll's buggy and the statue. The first was won by Mrs. R. Gleason, 611 Superior Street, holding ticket No. 536; the second by Miss Gladys Gilmore, 2735 Belmont Avenue, ticket No. 947; and the statue was won by Mr. J. Wilby, 1231 Pandora Avenue, ticket No. 104.

The members attending the meeting took the opportunity of donating their gifts for the I.O.O.F. Christmas bazaar. This money will go towards the furnishing and equipment of a free surgical dressing room, in memory of the late Dr. O. M. Jones.

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INSTALLMENT NO. 3

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

Terrance Desmond ("Terry"), seven years old, left much to be desired, believes in fairies and wishes to be a millionaire.

Mrs. F. F. Desmond, owner of the house, is a widow, and her husband died a few days before she was married.

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young lady, Juliet Divine? I wonder if you ever saw her?"

Terry met a warning gleam in her father's eyes. He answered, to give her a cue. "Miss Divine has been here once or twice, but that was before my daughter finished school. I have been working to help her old dad only three months. Somebody told me that Miss Divine's in Europe—or South America, maybe—so I can't get a chance yet to judge the resemblance."

"Miss Divine must have come back. I saw her walking down Fifth Avenue a couple of days ago," said Nazlo. "I don't know her personally," he went on, perhaps to Desmond's relief, "but we all admire her. She's mighty pretty."

"But—if you'll let me say so—" (he bowed to Terry) "you could give her points, you're years younger, too."

"My daughter's seventeen," said Terrence. "Just seventeen, and just out of a convent!"

Terry felt unpleasantly that her father was showing her off. Nazlo's eyes sent out a flash.

"A convent maiden?" he echoed. "Why, we oughtn't to speak of her in the same breath with the Million Dollar Doll, ought we Mr. Desmond?"

Tomorrow's installment tells of an invitation and a compliment.

Those Who Come and Go

H. A. Hoard, of Alberni; Mrs. Chambers, of Metchoin; H. Vogel and Mrs. Vogel, of Mill Bay; Mrs. H. Roone and Mrs. Talbot, of Duncan; J. D. Dallavary, of Nanaimo, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. E. McCallum and J. L. Allingham, of Winnipeg; J. Williams and Harry Carr, of Calgary; Alex. Godkin and son, Alvin Godkin, and John Virje, of Cluny; J. F. Muselman and son, and Miss Stella Muselman, Edmonton, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. J. W. Bennett, H. Fisher, O. Olsen, J. Kashner, F. C. Cole, of Seattle, and R. H. Brooks, of Roberts Creek, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. R. H. Cairns, G. W. Ledingham, D. H. Hutchinson, M. D. Morrison, H. Perrett, H. A. Smyth, G. Hine, Charles English, of Vancouver; Miss Margaret Apps and L. Seebaum, of Tofino; F. C. Ross, of Ladysmith, and V. W. Jones, of Qualicum Beach, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Visitors from the Prairie Provinces registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mr. J. S. Jamison, from Calgary; Mr. H. L. Gillett and Mr. Alfred Gillett, from Shannavon, Sask.; Mr. C. G. Miller, from Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mr. J. Mieses and Mr. D. McCrie, from Swift Current, Sask.; Mr. Geo. Venna and Mr. M. May, from Regina.

Up-Island visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Captain and Mrs. C. W. Spooner, from Cassidy's Creek; Mr. J. J. Gerald, from Parkyn; Mr. J. H. Whitmore, from Palmer and Mr. Alex. Herd, from Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Waddell, from Cowichan Bay; Misses M. J. and E. M. Clark, from Shawigan Lake; Mr. H. Waugh, from Mayne Island; Mr. A. Blackburn, from Salt Spring Island; Mr. G. Ashley, from Nanaimo; Mr. H. Harris, from Galiano Island; Mrs. B. Cartwright and Mrs. G. Lang, from Salt Spring Island; Mrs. C. A. Maude, from Mayne Island; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheppard, from Cobble Hill.

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HOPPE NOW HOLDS COMMANDING LEAD

BILLIARD CHAMPION GIVES A DAZZLING DISPLAY
Cochran Never Gets Well Started in Play-Off Match, and Is Now Away Behind

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Willie Hoppe mixed a dazzling display of 18.2 ball line billiards with some mediocre shot making and safety play in tonight's 500 point block of his play-off of a tie for the world's championship with Walker Cochran, and for the two nights' play took the commanding lead of 1,000 to 428.

Hoppe's innings tonight showed one blank, three singles and three counts of two, but as the game wore on he put together runs of 182 and 287 by marvelous displays of open table driving and close nursing and went out with an unfinished run of 123.

Cochran never could get started. Twice when he looked good he missed mass shots and had to sit down. His stroke seemed fine at the start but faltered badly in his shot making.

Hoppe left the balls in good position at the foot of the table for resumption of the final 500 point block tomorrow night.

The score by innings for the two nights:
Cochran—5, 2, 33, 74, 89, 50, 2, 34, 0, 2, 0, 4, 69, 9, 20, 13, 30.—134.
High run 89, average 24.4-28.

Hoppe—154, 24, 46, 211, 64, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 9, 0, 2, 82, 162, 5, 207, 52, *1, 1,000.

High run 211, average 55.1-18.

*Unfinished run last night; **un-finished tonight.

Continues Run
With the balls "under the hat" at the head of the table, Willie Hoppe continued his unfinished run of 59 in the second night's 500 point block play-off of the tie for the world's 18.2 ball line billiard championship with Walker Cochran, of Hollywood, California.

In the first 500 point block of the 1,500 point play-off last night, Hoppe went out in five innings with an average of 100. Cochran scored 503 points.

Hoppe got five, which gave him a total of 64 for the inning, counting the 59 he got last night when play closed as he reached 500. He missed a side rail time follow shot, the cue ball missing the red as it banked off the end rail.

Cochran's physical appearance was

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YOUNG INVENTOR EXHIBITS ENGINE

Raymond Dibley Fights His Way Through Australian Prize Ring to Earn Money for Promotion of His New-Principle Gas Motor—Ingenious Device Said to Make Coal Oil Available for Automobile Power—Invention May Revolutionize Industry

DOWN in the basement of the Douglas Hotel, coupled to an electric dynamo, a little gasoline engine, the layman's appearance presents nothing extraordinary; and the average man would probably predicate of it that it could be just as obsolete and evil-minded as are most little gasoline engines.

Nevertheless, the two young men of this city, Raymond Harcourt Dibley, the inventor, and John H. Devereux, his friend and business adviser, are both very confident that in this little engine they have an invention which is destined to effect a revolution in the great industries which depend for their being upon the internal combustion motor.

Romance and adventure still live in the heart of youth, even—especially in this mechanical age—when youth garbs itself in oil-soaked overalls, and sings the half of its head with backfire explosions. It is not altogether surprising therefore to hear that Mr. Dibley saw hungry days in his native Australia, while he was struggling to perfect his invention.

More Fights Than One
A little more surprising, and altogether in the spirit of the century romance, is the fact that Mr. Dibley earned the money which brought him to Victoria by fighting his way through the prize ring, his friend and business adviser, are both very confident that in this little engine they have an invention which is destined to effect a revolution in the great industries which depend for their being upon the internal combustion motor.

An official government test has been made of this engine, which has upheld the claims of the inventor. Mr. Dibley, for all he is only twenty-two, has been working upon his engine for the last three years. He is an Australian, and he came to this city three months ago from Bathurst, New South Wales. He came here to market his invention because, in his own country, they do not manufacture gasoline engines. Mr. Dibley is an aviator, and it was partly from lessons learned as a flying-man that the young inventor proceeded to the idea embodied in his engine.

Handled For Cent More Power
Mr. Devereux became interested in invention and inventor because he also is a flying man, well known in commercial flying circles. Mr. Devereux, a young businessman here, is assisting his friend in the financial promotion of the invention.

If only one of the several promises made for it are realized, the Dibley engine is destined to make itself and its inventor famous; and the Dibley engine is destined to be household words in the mouths of a myriad motorists.

His invention, says Mr. Dibley, will either double the power, or halve the consumption of gas for the same power, in any valve-in-head motor to which it is applied. Any crank motor of that type may be easily and quickly adapted on the Dibley principle, and at small expense.

Power for power, the new Dibley engine will halve the weight of the present gasoline engine; and this fact, its inventor believes, is to prove an immense advantage to the progress of aviation.

Coal Oil Motor Cars
The essential result obtained by the Dibley invention is, as Mr. Dibley con-

The music in this instance was exceptionally fine, and probably excels anything in the nature of accompaniment that the Miracle Play of the Middle Ages ever possessed. In any event it could not have had the beautiful music of Bach, the chastity and dignity of which most aptly fits in with the narrative and incidents. A pastoral symphony, then the chorale, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," opened the play, orchestra, soloists and choir all joining in this organ-like harmony. Mr. Bruce Bredin spoke the prologue in a very dignified way before the play proceeded. Other lovely musical numbers were the symphony; the off-recurrence, "Bach's" one of the most beautiful Glorias ever written, sung by the quartette (Miss Eva Hart, soprano; Mrs. R. Baird, alto; Mr. Maris Hale, tenor, and Mr. J. Q. Gilman, bass), was given in a softly modulated tone several times, as if coming from a distance, and at the last was repeated by the full choir and orchestra in ringing force. Miss Eva Hart and Mrs. Baird both sang

tends, the perfect combustion of gas in the engine cylinder, with a complete absence of the carbonization which is still the outstanding defect of all existing internal combustion engines.

What this means in practice, as the inventor explains, is that motor cars with the Dibley engine will run on coal oil as easily as on gasoline; that owners of auxiliary and motor craft will be relieved of the danger attending the storing of gasoline aboard a boat; that fuel costs will be cut in two; that motor engines will cost less in upkeep and will have a far longer life than at present.

Mr. Dibley knew what he was after when he set about his invention. He saw that what was needed to perfect the internal combustion engine was a thorough scavenging of the cylinder between explosions, so that all burnt gases might be eliminated, and so that carbon might not form its anti-service crust within the chamber.

An Inventor's Obstacles
The young inventor experienced most of the troubles peculiar to the ancient and honorable guild. His first models were failures—he did not at once hit upon the device which finally solved the problem for him. Then, like most other inventors again, he ran out of money. He was not old enough to have accumulated his own surplus, and he became an airman and a prizefighter in order to carry out his work.

He even had the usual experience of inventors with the person who steals other men's ideas. Mr. Dibley's sample of the patent prize-hunted by racing car to Sydney, N. S. W., to record the idea which Mr. Dibley in his youthful truthfulness had imparted to him. The piracy was foiled, however—Mr. Dibley had had enough forethought to patent his engine.

The increase of power claimed for the Dibley engine is gained by perfect scavenging, not only of the piston-displacement area, but of the ordinary engine, but of the entire cylinder, including the combustion chamber to which the fresh charge of gas enters. This permits the regular charging of the chamber with pure explosive gases.

The Essential Device
The ordinary engine only scavenges its own displacement area, leaving the chamber charged with burnt and foul gases, with a higher pressure than atmosphere; and which expand as the piston descends until it reaches atmospheric pressure. It is the presence of the burnt gas which enforces the belief that the making of the pure gas charge, with a corresponding decrease of power. The elimination of the burnt gas in the Dibley engine assures on hundred per cent power from the gas charge.

The patented device which essentially constitutes the Dibley engine is an eccentric mounted on the crank pin. This revolves at half speed of the crank pin. The maximum throw of the eccentric coincides with the maximum throw of the crank shaft on the scavenging stroke. On the compression stroke the minimum throw of the eccentric coincides with the maximum on the crank shaft. The device can be applied to existing engines by fitting new connecting rods and crank shafts. The model engine, on view in the Douglas Hotel, was built in the Hater Machine Shop. Messrs. Dibley and Devereux are shortly leaving for the East, where they will seek to interest prominent engine makers in the invention.

with much beauty the solos allotted to them, Mrs. Baird's "Prepare Your Hearts" and "I Am Not Worthy" being exquisite parts of the Bach oratorio music, while Miss Hart sang the lovely Cherubini "Ave Maria" most appealingly between the second and third acts. "How Shall I Pity Meet Thee" and "O Simple Souls" were other selections for the quartette, and the carols included the well-known "We Three Kings" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," in which the audience joined. Mr. Waddington conducted the choir, Mr. Bruce Bredin the orchestra, and a very nice balance of the music was maintained between the two organizations in the numbers which they gave together, while the orchestra, most skilfully and effectively furnished a rich musical background for the whole performance.

The flower of a common milkweed catches and holds a cluster fly that has come in search of honey



PLAN TO ADOPT BEER BILL TODAY

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Military Messes

Mr. Clearbush suggested that military messes might come under the King's regulations and therefore not be governed by the bill.

Mr. Manson did not believe the King's regulations could override the Provincial law.

A long discussion arose over the proposal to reduce the penalty for drunkenness from \$50 to \$25. Major Burde said that with men reeling about from one beer joint to another drunkenness would be increased by the Act. He also declared that the whisky sold by the Government was of poor quality.

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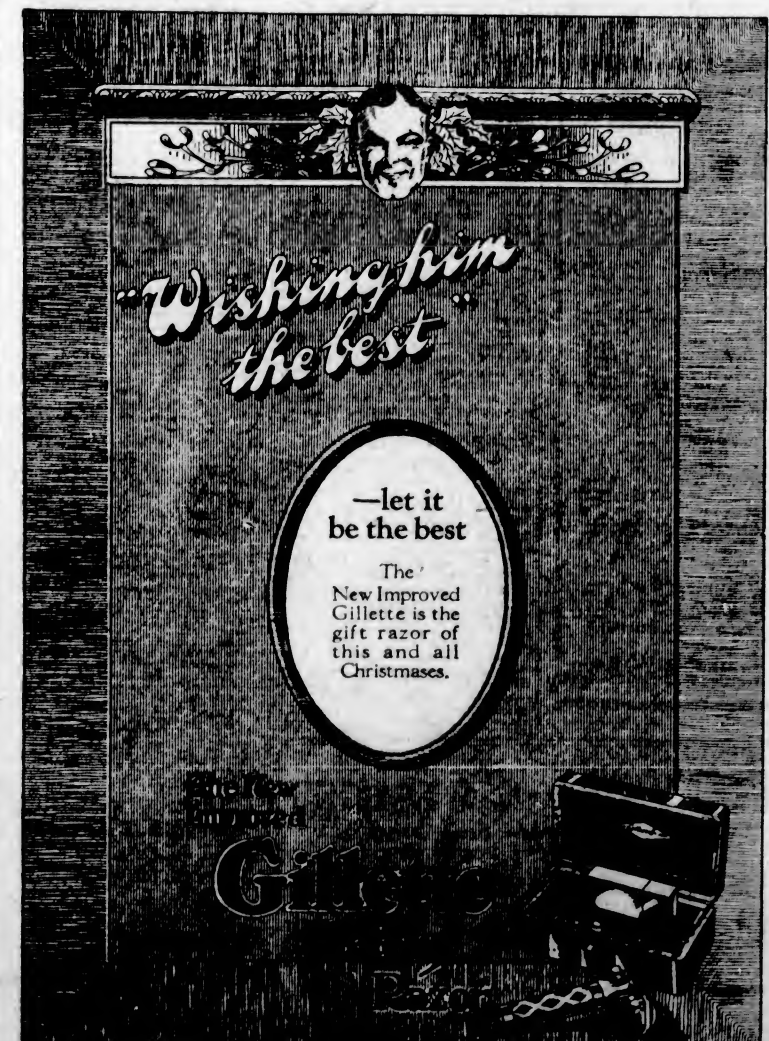
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Counsel for Department of Justice and Defendants Sets Thursday as Termination of Case for Accused

Mr. Davis-In respect to the Ah low case, Tell us what you know. [The witness] said he did not know anything outside of the Jones house, on Eighth Avenue. Constable Black was on the place—the west side. One Chinaman came out of the place, and he was carrying something. I was standing in front of the place when he arrested him; if he had nothing under his coat or in his hands, then was to follow and see where he was walking, but showed no evidence of carrying anything. I obeyed my superior officer and followed him to Chinatown, where he went to a shoe factory house. I telephoned back to the Jones house to Reeces. He said: "Go back and get the other fellow." Another Chinaman is coming to take the stuff away. I jumped on a street car and went back. Just as I got to the corner of Eighth Avenue, an automobile was starting away from in front of the house next door to Jones. I got the number of the car and then I grabbed another street car and went to Chinatown. There was the same automobile in front of the house and I saw the first Chinaman had gone

Allied Gunboats Check Sun Yat Sen

HONG KONG, Dec. 13.—The flotilla of foreign gunboats in the harbor at Canton, where a tense situation has developed since the recent threat of Mr. Sun Yat Sen, South China leader, to seize the customs funds, apparently is preparing for eventualities. Some of the warships lying off Shamen, the foreign section of Canton, have been ordered for action, and French stores from the cruiser Jules Ferry have landed at Shamen and are stationed in the old French postoffice building.

Simply a Barefaced Swindle, He Calls It, Resuming At- tack on Man Who Accuses Him of Graft

tion to the place of responsibility in the administration of the Province would be seriously damaging to the financial credit of the Province.

Mr. Speaker, there can be no other proper description of the transactions to which I have pointed than that of a well faced swindle. The golden stream—which is flowing into the campaign coffers of the Provincial Party of Tully is tainted, stained at the fountain head," concluded the minister.

OPEN CLASH IN HOUSE OVER REDISTRIBUTION IS NARROWLY AVERTED

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The Premier went at length into a

MA Sam Guthrie agreed with the first proposal of the Premier to take one member from Victoria, and he recalled the Attorney-General stating that if there was any jealousy between

"I forgive you because you are a young man and rather enthusiastic in your party negligence," replied Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Bowser drew attention to the Premier's original scheme, whereby Cowichan Lake, located where the river enters the lake, was to be merged with the riding now represented by a Socialist in order to make a "residual" constituency into a white man's zone. It was a "white" constituency in the Province than Cowichan, whose residents were of a different class than was the case with the riding of the Socialist, and to remain in their present status. The people there had a history, he maintained, and had produced some splendid members and ministers.

Victoria Fought and Won

If the whole plan had been reversed, if the whole plan had been reversed

Letters to the Editor

ervative Party and in taking the trouble at his age to go to Victoria to see the Minister of Agriculture. I accompanied him at the request of my father, who would not consent to Sir Charles going by himself. He was the object of Sir Charles' visit, as explained by him, was to ascertain whether the Government had any money to put at his disposal in Canadian Northern. He stated that he believed that the Canadian Northern could be brought to the Pacific coast by the Government at the expense of public money, and that for a land grant he was satisfied that the Canadian Northern people would bring him a great feather in the cap of the Government, and consequently assist Mr. Horden through the strength of his position. He was very complimentary that he was going East on

grateful letter and explained that the Government was in the position as above mentioned at the meeting, and that for the present nothing could be done in the way of the subject. It appears that Mr. Sloan also repeated a slander against me re oil lands, the same I had previously heard.

McClirde was a matter of course his opponent will be a man of the same class and will represent from men who are scheming," etc. etc. Accordingly the falsehoods about the visit of McClirde to the Canadian Northern, were made to do duty there. If Mr. Sloan is correctly reported, he must have been under some strain. For instance, he said he was visiting that party in British Columbia because he thought Richard would not let him finish his job in the apolls. He said in 1903 "Considering that I am challenged with the Liberals in opposing Mr. McClirde's C.N.R. bargain in 1903," he said "I would not have asked me to expect to 'share in the apolls' of Mr. McClirde's victory."

Some one of these gentlemen stated that he had been in the campaign, paid campaigner, and in 1911 elec-

Mr. Hert and Mr. Kingham, who (I think) dined with me, informed me that my hotel bill for the day had been settled. I said this was wholly unnecessary, but did not further insist on paying my own bill. When I went to help Mr. Sloan in 1916, if I

crashed at Pendleton, Texas. They were en route to Dallas.

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Chinatown. There was the same automobile standing outside of the place the first Chinaman had gone

out allowing any chance of the service suffering, will be allowed to get the extra holiday.

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Practical Gifts for the Home in the Linen Department

Real French Cluny Linen and Lace Runners, Tray Cloths, Centres, Doilies, squares and Rounds. Fine qualities and designs. Ideal Christmas gifts. At **HALF PRICE** Pure Hand-Embroidered Madeira Linens, showing beautiful designs, including cut-out work; Doilies, Runners, Centres, Tray Cloths, Tea Cloths, Squares and Rounds. All new, clean, goods. Offered at **HALF PRICE** Real Irish Pure Linen Damask Cloths, lily of the valley, rose, poppies, iris and lily designs 2 yards square, each. **\$4.75** Pure Linen Table Napkins, a dozen **\$5.95** Hand-Made Hindu Lace Doilies, Tray Cloths and Centres, rose designs. Great value, each **\$2.75**, **\$1.75**, **\$1.50**, **\$1.00**, **85¢**, **50¢**, **35¢** and **25¢**

Pillow Cases are always welcome in any home and we offer excellent values. Bought before the recent big advance in cotton and cotton goods. You have them at the old price.

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, good quality; 46, 44, 42 and 40-inch. At, each, **60¢**, **55¢**, **50¢**, **45¢** Horrockses' English Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 45, 42 and 40-inch. Each, **65¢**, **55¢**, **50¢**

Horrockses' English Super-Grade, 45, 42 and 40-inch. At, each, **\$1.00**, **90¢** and **85¢** Irish Embroidered Pillow Cases, fine work, splendid quality. At, a pair **\$1.75**

—Linen, Main Floor



A Selection of Girls' Dresses Big Christmas Values

Larger Sizes in Muslin Dresses, in rose, blue, mauve and yellow; some are finished with frills on skirt and tie-back sash; others have touch of embroidery around collar and short sleeves. Sizes for the ages of 8 to 12 years. Price **98¢**

Sample Dresses, trimmed with fine Val. lace, embroidery and dainty ribbon; for the ages of 3 to 4 years **\$2.50**

Muslin Dresses, for the ages of 3 to 6 years; pink, blue, rose and yellow. They are finished with small frill around neck and sleeves and two rows on skirt. Special value, each **\$2.50**

White Voile Dresses, slightly soiled. They are trimmed with embroidery and lace colored ribbon. Sizes for the ages 8 and 14 years. **\$2.50**

—Children's, 1st Floor

Three Inexpensive Silks

40-Inch Silk Georgette at **\$1.98** a Yard

Shown in a large range of colors that will make up excellently for party dresses, etc., and a real good value at a yard **\$1.98**

38-Inch Striped Silk at **\$1.98** a Yard

Makes a smart hard-wearing waist. A variety of good colorings. Priced at, a yard **\$1.98**

36-Inch Lingerie Jersey at **\$1.25** a Yard

Medium weight quality, in plain and dropstitch. Your choice in shades of pink, mauve, white and sky, a yd., **\$1.25**

—Silks, Main Floor

Women's Silk Knit Vests and Bloomers

Women's Fibre Silk Vests, opera top with elastic; excellent weight silk, strong wearing, mauve and white, at **\$1.98**

Women's Silk Top Vests of Italian silk, with built-up tops and opera tops; flesh and white. Sizes 36 to 44 **\$1.98**

Women's Fibre Silk Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knee, and double gusset; shades, honeydew, henna, sand, pink and black. A pair **\$3.50**

—Knit Underwear

French Ivory Lamps

Special Sale Today

18 only of these arrived late, and to ensure a clearance, we are placing them at a clear quick price. Usual value **\$7.75** Special at **\$4.95**

This is an exceptional opportunity to obtain a lovely addition to your French ivory set.

Lavender Water

Old English Lavender Water. 4-oz. bottles, quaintly and neatly done up in attractive gift boxes **65¢**

Smelling Salts and Lavender Water

An ideal gift combination. One bottle of each packed in a nice box. Complete **\$1.15**

Vanity and Buffet Sets, \$1.98

Dainty Vanity and Buffet Sets, in pink, blue and white shades. Regular \$3.00 set of 3 pieces. Clearing at **\$1.98**

—Art Needlework, 1st Floor

Corset Cover and Nightgown Tops, Each, 98¢

New Lace and Embroidery Corset Cover and Nightdress Tops, all ready to sew on. They are pretty and of excellent grade. Each **98¢**

—Main Floor



A Special Purchase of Babies' Bonnets and Caps

Caps of fine wool, in brown, tan and white. Regular 85¢ for **50¢**

Bonnets of silk, wool and bear cloth. Values **\$1.35** for **50¢**

Bonnets and Caps of corded velvet trimmed with satin ribbon and ruching. Others of bear cloth, wool and silk. Values to **\$2.50** for **98¢**

Bonnets and Hats of silk and velvet in pretty poke effects, trimmed with fur, lace and ribbon. Sizes for 3 years. Values to **\$4.75** for **\$2.90**, and values to **\$6.75** for **\$3.90**

—Infants, 1st Floor

Silk Underskirts

Underskirts of best grade English art silk.

Regular sizes **\$4.50**

Out sizes **\$5.75**

Skirts of extra fine quality silk moire finished with pleated flounces **\$3.90**

Underskirts of heavy satin in all the wanted shades **\$4.90**

Skirts of silk and wool moire, in fancy stripes **\$2.75**

Skirts of metal brocade, excellent grade, scalloped around bottom. Special, each **\$2.49**

—Whitewash, 1st Floor

Good Books for Christmas

My Garden of Memories, by Kate Douglas Wiggin. **\$5.25**

Indian Days in the Canadian Rockies, by Marius Barbeau. Price **\$2.75**

Verses by a House Mother, by Fay Inclaven **90¢**

Book of Cheer, full of quotations and helpful verses **60¢**

Dr. Do Little, a new book for children **\$1.75**

The Wonder Book of Nature, each **\$2.25**

The Banner and the Bull, Saki-tan's new book **\$2.00**

Papini's Life of Christ, translated by Dorothy Canfield, **\$4.00**

Beautiful Flowers and How to Grow Them, with colored illustrations. Will give great pleasure in any garden **\$3.25**

Sinners in Heaven, by Olive Arden **\$2.00**

Highbrows, by C. E. U. Joad. Price **\$3.00**

The Proud Lady, by Neith Boyce. Collins' Edition, leather bound, of standard works, each **\$1.00**

Everyman's Cloth Bound Library, each **60¢**

Boys' Own and Girls' Own and Chums, each **\$3.50**

Burge's Bedtime Stories **75¢**

Treasure Island and Kidnapped, by Robert Louis Stevenson, two volumes, boxed **\$4.00**

Courage, by Barrie, each **60¢**

Footsteps of Israel, by S. Greenwood **\$3.50**

Funk & Wagnall's Dictionary, Each **\$3.50**

Oxford Concise Dictionary, **\$2.75**

Stationery, Cards and Novelties

Boxes of Christmas Cards, **50¢**, **75¢** and **\$1.00**

Christmas Cards, 2 for **5¢** 4 for **5¢**

Stationery in Christmas Boxes, **50¢**

Small Books for Christmas Stockings, each **10¢**

Painting Books, Magic Drawing Books, Cut Out Books, **25¢** and **50¢**

Saxophones, **25¢** and **50¢**

Musical Boxes, **15¢**, **35¢**, **75¢**

Violins, **75¢** and **\$1.50**

Harp, **50¢** and **\$1.25**

Guitars and Banjos, **35¢**, **75¢**

Luteimers, each, **25¢**, **40¢**, **75¢**

Pianos, **75¢**, **95¢**, **\$1.25**, **\$1.50**, **\$1.95**, **\$2.95**, **\$3.75**, **\$4.95** and **\$6.75**

Mouth Organs, **15¢**, **25¢**, **50¢** and **75¢**

Drums, **25¢**, **35¢**, **50¢**, **75¢**, **85¢**, **\$1.15** and **\$3.50**

Trumpets, **15¢**, **25¢**, **50¢**, **75¢** and **95¢**

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PARTY DRESSES

Of Velvet, Georgette and Satin Crepe

\$27.50 and \$37.50

Select and Dainty Party Frocks for the Yuletide festivities. All are becoming models, including shades of blue, pink, yellow, tangerine, mauve, orchid and brown. They are very attractively trimmed with beads, flowers and touches of fur and ostrich feathers. All sizes are offered, and the values are most exceptional at **\$27.50 and \$37.50**

—Main Department, 1st Floor

Gift Slippers for Women and Children

Women's Felt Cosy Slippers, with soft leather soles. All colors and sizes. A pair at **\$1.00**

Women's English Wool Slippers, superior grade, plain camel hair or plaid patterns. All sizes **\$1.95**

Women's Boudoir Slippers, with soft leather soles and rubber heels. All colors, in suede and kid. A pair, at **\$1.50** and **\$1.35**

Children's Felt Strap Slippers, with soft leather soles; many colors to choose from and ample stocks of sizes, from infants' 4 to misses' 2. At, a pair **\$1.00**

Children's Felt High Cut Cavalier Slippers, with soft leather soles. Alice blue and red; sizes 4 to 10. At **\$1.35**

Women's Felt Juliet Slippers with leather soles and heels. At **\$1.95**

Children's Superior Quality Felt Slippers, with welted chome leather soles, dainty and durable; fawn, wine and Alice blue. All sizes **\$1.35**



Gifts for the Home in the Carpet and Drapery Department

We list here just a few of the numerous gifts on special display—

Tientsin Rug, 3 ft. x 6 ft.; an extra fine grade rug in a typical Chinese design; tan and blue **\$31.00**

Axminster Rugs, 36 x 63 inches, extra heavy quality in several fine designs, **\$13.90**

Velvet Rugs, 3 ft. x 6 ft., in fine selections **\$7.90**

Axminster Rugs, 27 x 54 inches, in rich, deep pile. At, each **\$5.90**

Wilton Rugs, 27 x 64 inches, Special value, each **\$6.95**

Rissell's Carpet Sweeper—"Grand Rapids"—with full cyro ball bearings **\$6.00**

Carpet Hassocks, made of excellent grade carpet. At, each **\$2.95**

Table Covers, 64 x 76 inches, exceptionally fine grade. At, each **\$3.95**

Cork Bath Mats. A special English import mat. 28 x 18 **\$1.25** 18 x 24 **\$1.95**

English Sheepskin Rugs, large size; shades olive green, golden brown and red. At, each **\$25.00**

Real Down Cushions, covered with silks and trimmed with metallic trimming **\$30.00** values for **\$15.00**

Fancy Cushions in velour, tapestry and silk. Each at **\$5.00**

Cretonne Cushions in neat designs finished with plain pipings. Each **\$1.35**

Bedroom Boxes, covered with pretty cretonnes and lined with plain fabrics. **\$9.75**, **\$10.75** and **\$13.75**

Shopping Bags of pretty cretonnes, with metal handles and lined with plain colors. Each **\$1.35**

—Drapery and Carpet Dept., 2nd Floor

WOMEN'S GLOVES

Women's Suedette Gloves, of excellent weight and quality; two dome clasps, in regulation wrist length. A glove that washes well. Excellent value, a pair **65¢**

Women's Chammois Suede Gloves, excellent fitting and with silk embroidered backs. All wanted shades. A pair **85¢**

Women's Washable Gauntlet Gloves, of fine quality. They have strap wrist fastener, silk embroidered backs and deep cuffs; grey, brown, mode, sand, beaver and black. A pair **\$1.25**

Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves, in the newest styles, with wide flare, reversible cuffs in embroidered effects; plain and contrasting colors with two-tone embroidered backs; brown, chammois, mode and grey. At **\$1.95** and **\$2.25**

Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves, with reversible cuffs, fastening with strap that encircles the wrist. They have four-row embroidery in two-tone effects. Shades brown, sand, natural and black. At **\$1.50**

—Main Floor



Men's and Women's Umbrellas

Umbrellas for Women. They are covered with durable cambric, or gloria, and the frames are of best construction. Women's Umbrellas, covered with cambric, **\$1.25** to **\$3.50**

Women's Umbrellas, with gloria covers, **\$4.00** and **\$8.50**

Men's Umbrellas, with strong Paragon frames, and covered with best grade cambric or gloria, straight or crooked handles **\$1.25** to **\$6.50**

—Main Floor

Men's Christmas Gift Gloves

Tan Cape Gloves, warmly lined and with fur wrist, strap and dome fastener; all sizes at **\$3.75**

Lined Tan Cape Gloves, Perlin's, at, a pair **\$3.25** and **\$2.75**

Tan Cape Gloves, lined and with one dome fastener, at, pair **\$2.00**

Tan and Grey Mocha Gloves, lined, with one dome fastener. Excellent value at **\$1.85** to **\$2.00**

Men's Fine Tan Kid Gloves, silk lined, a pair, **\$2.25** to **\$3.00**

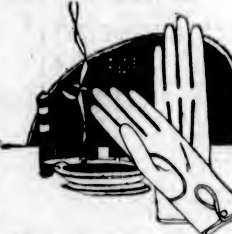
The same glove, unlined, at **\$1.65** to **\$3.00**

Men's Scotch Wool Gloves, a pair **50¢**

Leather bound and with one dome fastener, a pair, **75¢** and **\$1.00**

Grey Mocha Gloves, silk lined, **\$2.25** to **\$3.00**

Unlined, **\$1.75** to **\$3.00**



Men's One-Finger Leather Mitts, warmly lined and with gauntlet wrist; dark brown; all sizes at **\$4.95**

Men's Gauntlet Motor Gloves, in dark chocolate; brown; lined, pair **\$4.95**

Men's Gauntlet Motor Gloves, of heavy black leather; well lined, at, a pair **\$3.00**

Men's Black Astrachan Lined Motor Gloves, with leather palms and fingers. Special, a pair **\$1.65**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Christmas Ties

Many to Select From

Pure Silk Knitted Ties, made in England, beautiful art shades, each in a fancy box, for **\$2.95**

Men's Pure Silk Knitted Ties, in fancy and bar stripes and black. At, each **\$2.00** and **\$1.50**

Art Silk Knitted Ties, in fancy stripes. Put up in single boxes, each at **\$1.00** and **75¢**

Bow Ties of Cheney silk, patterned in fancy stripes and checks. Each **75¢**

Silk Ties in fashionable shapes, a fine selection. Any tie put up in special Christmas box, **75¢** to **\$2.50**

THIS AFTERNOON'S SPECIAL

25 dozen Men's Ties, in fancy brocades and stripes, all full shapes. Regular \$1.00 values, for **80¢**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

NEWS FROM TOYLAND

La Velle Little Landress, includes washbasin, board, pegs, iron and stand. A big value in a big box **\$1.95**

Swan Rocker, large and in attractive coloring **\$3.75**

Set of Cookie Moulds and Scoop, enamelled in various colors. Boxed **50¢** and **25¢**

Nursery Rhyme Practical Cooking Sets, of pure aluminum like mother's **35¢** and **\$2.75**

Cup and Plate, enamelled blue, green or cream; neatly boxed, for **\$1.75**

A Novelty Box containing 12 plates on which is displayed a cooked joint of meat, chicken, fish, fruit, biscuits, jelly, etc. Per box **15¢**, **25¢** and **60¢**

Musical Instruments in Great Variety

Luteimers, each, **25¢**, **40¢**, **75¢**

Pianos, **75¢**, **95¢**, **\$1.25**, **\$1.50**, **\$1.95**, **\$2.95**, **\$3.75**, **\$4.95** and **\$6.75**

Mouth Organs, **15¢**, **25¢**, **50¢** and **75¢**

Drums, **25¢**, **35¢**, **50¢**, **75¢**, **85¢**, **\$1.15** and **\$3.50**

Trumpets, **15¢**, **25¢**, **50¢**, **75¢** and **95¢**

Saxophones, **25¢** and **50¢**

Musical Boxes, **15¢**, **35¢**, **75¢**

Violins, **75¢** and **\$1.50**

Harp, **50¢** and **\$1.25**

Guitars and Banjos, **35¢**, **75¢**

Games of All Kinds

Crokinole Board **\$3.95**

Archery Combination Game Boards, 57 games, 71-piece equipment **\$1.25**

To the North Pole, at **\$1.75** and **50¢**

Tailless Donkey, each **50¢**

Zoological Lotto, each **50¢**

Silver Lotto, each **\$1.75**

Geographical Lotto **95¢**

Plain Lotto, each **95¢**

Ludo, each **29¢**, **25¢**, **50¢**

Royal Ludo, each **50¢**

Trip to the Moon, each **60¢** and **\$1.00**

Halma, complete, **50¢** and **75¢**

Snakes and Ladders, **25¢**, **35¢** and **50¢**

Ups and Downs, each, **29¢** and **75¢**

Checker Boards, **25¢**, **35¢** and **\$1.00**

Checkers **15¢** and **35¢**

Dominoes, a set, **35¢** and **50¢**

Puzzle Compendium, at **95¢** and **\$1.25**

Outja Boards, each **\$1.25**

Treasure Island, each **\$1.00**

Roulette, each **\$3.90**

Pollyanna, each **\$2.00**

Hop-o-My-Hat, each **35¢**

Counter Jumping Game, **\$3.75**

Rummy and Plaza at **\$1.50**

Magnetic Fishing, **25¢**, **50¢**, **\$1.25** and **\$1.75**

Blow Football, each, **85¢** and **\$2.75**

Gift Goods in the Furniture Dept.

Fumed Oak Tea Wagons, with two lower shelves, cutlery drawer and separate tea tray **\$32.00**

Quartered Oak Library Table, with heavy top and book shelves at each end, also double drawer, **\$25.00**

Globe-Wernicke Bookcases of quartered oak, in golden finish. Three sections, base and top **\$38.50**

Fumed Oak Smokers' Stands, with double ash trays and match holder. Each **\$2.90**

Wicker Work Baskets in brown finish, with hinged top and lower shelf, each, **\$7.50**

Wicker Cake Stands, made for accommodating two or three plates. Regular \$5 and \$10.00 values for **\$5.00**

Fumed Oak Footstools, upholstered in genuine leather. Special, each, **\$4.50**

Tea Trays, with mahogany and walnut frames; oval designs. Each **\$3.90**

Walnut Tea Wagons, with lower shelf, drawer and separate tea tray **\$31.50**

—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Burnt Leather Novelties in Great Assortment

Book Covers, each, **\$1.10** to **\$1.25**

Tie Racks, each, **45¢** to **\$1.05**

Needle Books, each **25¢**

Bags, each, **30¢**, **40¢**, **60¢** and **70¢**

Pouches, each, **65¢**, **75¢**, **90¢** and **\$1.00**

Collar Boxes, each at **\$1.50** to **\$1.65**

Photo Frames, each, **70¢**, **80¢** and **\$1.00**

Glove Cases, at **\$1.00**, **\$1.15**, **\$1.25** and **\$1.45**

Handkerchief Cases, at **\$1.00**, **\$1.15**, **\$1.45** and **\$1.60**

Pipe Cases, each, **40¢**, **50¢** and **\$2.00**

Match Holders, each, **65¢**, **75¢** and **80¢**

Shaving Pads, each, **30¢**, **40¢** and **45¢**

Gun and Case, each **75¢**

Scissors Holders, each, **30¢**, **40¢** and **50¢**

Whisk Holders, each, **80¢**, **90¢** and **\$1.00**

Papoooses, each **60¢**

Indian Dolls, each **\$1.35**

—Art Needlework, 1st Floor